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see, speak or hear  
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enrich our lives.

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Dear Readers,

It gives me special pleasure to offer official greetings in this volume of *Sigma Signi*, which is being published during the year designated by the United Nations as the International Year of the Disabled. Students, faculty, and staff from this campus have made profound contributions to the health and welfare of those with disabilities throughout the world. These accomplishments are a source of great pride to all of us who are privileged to be associated with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I would also like to salute Delta Sigma Omicron for its action-oriented role on behalf of our many fine students who happen to have disabilities. Delta Sigma Omicron is an organization which has truly made a difference in the history of this campus as well as in the lives of its citizens.

May the observance of the International Year of the Disabled serve not only as a reminder to look back with pride on past accomplishments but also as a stimulus for action on that which remains to be done.

With warm best wishes,

Cordially yours,

John E. Cribbet  
Chancellor

## Editor's Note

The United Nations has declared 1981 the International Year of Disabled Persons. Conferences, television ads and posters will all be aimed at increasing awareness and understanding and focusing worldwide attention on the needs and potentials of disabled persons. The results should be reflected in structural and attitudinal changes and hopefully will help make life easier for those of us who, for one reason or another, live with a disability.

Regardless of how much effort the U.N. puts forth, the rest, in fact the majority, is ours to contend with for the duration of each and every disabled individuals life. For most everywhere we go, because of what we are, we're saying something about the disabled without opening our mouths.

This is not to say that what we say is of no consequence, for along with what we do and how we do it, what we say portrays either a good life or a bad one. It is my belief that life is no different for the physically disabled than it is for anyone else, just a little inconvenient at times. That is why the theme of this years SIGMA SIGNS is PRIDE and ACTION. Hopefully, the image of the poor, unhappy soul with whatever disability, restricted academically, occupationally and recreationally will disappear completely. And in its place will exist the truer, more up-to-date image of happy, productive, well-rounded people who, by the way, happen to have disabilities. After all, the disabled drive, marry, achieve scholastically and occupationally to mention but a few. This is reflected throughout this and other editions of this magazine. I hope all SIGMA SIGNS readers agree, internalize this



belief and, if they are disabled, live their lives to the fullest, if they don't already.

For the non-disabled readers this editor hopes you understand a bit more about how the disabled live and feel as some of our biggest problems come from lack of awareness and understanding. If all structural and attitudinal barriers were removed many of our struggles would be over.

Keep this in mind as you read through the magazine and look at the photos. Life for the disabled really isn't any different!

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**Bradley N. Hedrick, Ph.D.** candidate here at the University of Illinois, assumes the position of Supervisor of Recreation and Athletics for the disabled. Phil Mirell, former supervisor, will remain with the office on a full-time assistantship while returning to school part-time.

Brad earned both his B.S. and M.S. at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. In addition to four years of service as a grad assistant in Recreation and Athletics at the University of Illinois, Brad has had ten years experience as a player/coach in wheelchair sports and sports for other special population groups. He has also had two years experience on the staff of the North Carolina State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Now that the Recreation and Athletics Department has two full time, experienced staff members, a concerted effort is underway to involve disabled students who, in the past, have had little or no involvement in sports. Emphasis is also being placed on generating revenue for the department as well.

**Alfred F. Morris** joined the staff of the Rehabilitation-Education Center in August of 1981 as Assistant Director of Research and Education. Hired on a joint appointment, Al will devote 75% of his time and efforts to the Division of Rehabilitation Education and the remaining 25% to the Department of Physical Education.

Dr. Morris earned his B.S. at the University of Massachusetts, his M.A. at the University of Maryland and then returned to the University of Massachusetts where he received his Ph.D. in Human Movement.

Prior to signing on here at the University of Illinois, Al was the Director of the Sports and Medicine Center and an Associate Professor of Physical Education with the University of Maryland. He has done independent research, has many significant publications and has had research and teaching experience in both medical and rehabilitation settings.

**Robert Galbreath.** Bob attended Eastern Illinois University from 1965 to 1969 graduating with a degree in Sociology. During his stay at E.I.U.

he was a VR client.

He was employed by DVR following graduation, and worked as a general Rehabilitation Counselor in Decatur, IL until 1971. From 1971 to 1975, Bob worked as a Regional Placement Consultant for DVR. From 1975 until his present assignment as University Coordinator, he worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf and as a Home Service Counselor.

Bob is married and has two sons, ages 10 and 13. His family enjoys living in Champaign-Urbana and plans to stay here.

**Arlene M. Ricker** was hired in July of 1981 as Supervisor of Occupational Therapy and Prosthetics, replacing Jeanette S. Nugent who had for 9 months been functioning on a temporary basis.

Arlene earned her B.A. at Mary Manse College in Ohio and her O.T.R. at Wayne State University in Michigan. She then went on to earn an M.S. in Occupational Therapy also at Wayne State.

Miss Ricker comes to the Reha-



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bilitation-Education Center from Atlanta, Georgia with several years of teaching experience, clinical experience and some research and administrative experience. She did some graduate work at the University of Illinois during the sixties and has accumulated many hours of post-graduate continuing education in related areas of endeavor.

**Pamela L. A. Starkey**, from Flint, Michigan, replaces Kathy Farrell as secretary of Services for the Visually and Hearing Impaired under Jann Floyd. In addition to her clerical duties Pam is attending classes part-time.

**Timothy J. Nugent** continues to receive honors and to be persistently active in all fields of endeavors related to the handicapped. May, 1981 he returned to Milwaukee, WI to deliver the commencement address at Mount Mary College. At this time he was also honored to receive the degree of DOCTOR OF LAWS, honoris causa.

As part of its contribution to the International Year of Disabled Persons, the Western Australian Institute of Technology responded by hosting the Conference titled, "Education for the Physically Disabled: The Challenge to Whom?" from June 29-July 3, 1981. Tim J. Nugent gave a keynote address on "Educating the Disabled." While in Australia, he also visited research and training institutions.

Tim also received a special award



**April 30, 1980**—At this year's meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Professor Timothy Nugent (left) of the University of Illinois received a special award from Harold Russell (right), Chairman of the President's Committee.

from the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped on April 30, 1981. The award was presented for Nugent's 30 years of leadership in the national campaign to eliminate architectural barriers to persons with disabilities.

Opening the International Year of Disabled Persons in England, the

Development Trust for the Young Disabled, Royal Hospital, in London, England sponsored an International Seminar in January 13, 1981. Mr. Nugent gave the keynote address titled "System of Care Enabling Educational and Rehabilitation Study by Disabled People at Universities".

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# Sid Pokes Fun at All Of Us

By John A. Borden

It's a bit past midnight at New York's Catch a Rising Star nightclub, a popular showcase for young comics. The patrons, noisy and festive, are waiting for the next act to begin.

All of a sudden the people quiet down—a bearded man in weatherbeaten clothes and cap is being carried on stage in a wheelchair. He maneuvers himself into position, takes stock of his crowd and flashes a grin—half smile, half grimace—like the class clown who's been called up in front of the room to explain what was so funny in the back row.

Sid Rosenbloom, 31, is about to try to chase away the audience's anxiety-with humor, and what he says is humor's special way of illuminating the truth.

"Hi," he begins cheerfully, noticing a ritzy-looking couple at the nearest table. "Can you see me all right?" he asks. Then there's some playful banter about a giggly quartet of girls in the back corner, a pause, and a quiet sweep of the eyes.

"Have you noticed the chair yet?" he asks innocently. Bit by bit, the audience joins in, and in no time they're all like friends sitting around a bar.

"When I'm wheeling down the street, some people are really curious about the chair. They want to watch me but don't want to let me know they're looking. Some wait until they pass me, then turn around and check me out. What they don't realize is that people in wheelchairs know they're being watched. Do you know what people in wheelchairs do when they're alone in a room with each other? Stand up and stretch."

Rosenbloom—an admirer of comics Lily Tomlin, Richard Pryor and especially the late Lenny Bruce—sees talking about the wheelchair not so much as a commentary on the disabled, but as a different way of looking at society.

"I got into my first fight when I was 11. This kid was blocking my way. He said, 'C'mon, this is it.' He wore glasses and I saw him put them in his pocket. So I punched the pocket."

"I get my humor from questions I have about the world and the common experiences we all share," says Rosenbloom, clutching a hefty note pad crammed with doodles, recollections and observations.

Some of Rosenbloom's material originates in being in the right place at the right time—like when he was vacationing in Florida and went to Key Biscayne to catch a glimpse of then President Nixon leaving church.

"Some guy came up to me, grabbed me and put me in the press section. Then, all of a sudden, I saw Nixon, and he saw me. I realized he thought I was a Vietnam veteran and that he'd have to come over and shake my hand.

"He sees a tape recorder I have on my lap, shakes my

hand and says, 'I see you do your own taping.' And this was a year or so before Watergate."

Then the crowd surged forward, jostling the wheelchair, and for a second Rosenbloom visualized himself falling over on Nixon. "I had this crazy thought—what if, as I fall over, I grab his pants and pull them down? Hysterical newspaper headlines flashed before my eyes."

While earning a degree in psychology at the University of Illinois, Rosenbloom found time to work out with a very select group of athletes.

"There are 126 wheelchair basketball teams in the country," he tells his audience, "and I was on one that made the national championships two years in a row. I was on the bench," he cracks, "because I could really yell and sweat, but I was on the team."

After working in mental health programs near the university, Sid decided to try his hand at a different type of community psychology—comedy. It was a first big step, but "I felt it was time to try the one thing that was almost too embarrassing for me to admit to myself I wanted to do." His first lesson in performing took place at a club called the Comedy College before a crowd of 75. "I remember my lips moved," he says, "but I didn't hear a thing."

Since then, Rosenbloom has had plenty of experience in fine-tuning his manner and material at clubs like New York's Improvisation and the Comedy Store in Los Angeles. "He's relaxed and self-confident," observed a colleague. "The audience senses this, and they feel comfortable with him."

"I used to suffer from Dumpo-Marco-Phobia. That's the fear of getting dumped out of your wheelchair at supermarkets when there aren't enough shopping carts."

"My comedy," says Rosenbloom, "makes fun of our own ignorance in a way that I hope promotes some understanding. In other words, I'm joking about the quality of living and relating to others by poking fun at our pretentiousness and fallibility."

"I was in a restaurant the other day, and a fellow comes in and starts giving out all these pens. There was a note on each one that said, 'I'm a deaf mute. Please accept this and give me what you can. Have you seen these people? Anyway, I watched this fellow go back and collect money. Well, after he left, I just couldn't resist. I went around to all the tables and said, 'Hi. I had polio—and I need pens.'"

When not onstage or plumbing his mind for new material, Rosenbloom plays the piano (he taught himself) and composes—"contemporary pop, leaning toward jazz." To stay in shape, he swims, plays basketball, tries a few other sports. "I'm resourceful and find ways to do these things—but I'm still a little nervous about ski-jumping."

As for the future, Rosenbloom is of two minds about whether he can accomplish all he wants to as a comic. "None of us really knows what we're capable of accomplishing," he says. "We have to come to grips with so many issues—and as we do, potential is astounding."

One particularly ambitious goal: "Very simple, I'd like to find the most humble person in the world—and try to get him to admit it."

# Beckwith — Another Dream Come True

On August 16, 1981 a long awaited dream will at last materialize. A large, modern facility, the Guy Beckwith Living Center is dedicated to serving severely physically disabled individuals who have the intellectual capability, the motivation, and the perseverance to benefit from a college education and all the experiences which accrue to it, but do not have the physical ability, at least initially, to live without assistance in other University Residence Halls and non-University housing.

Since 1948 college students of all causes and manifestations of physical disability have attended the University of Illinois. The University's Division of Rehabilitation-Education has provided numerous services to afford the disabled equal opportunity to compete academically and have full access to all extracurricular experiences at one of the finest universities in the country.

Among the increasing enrollment each year there were those who were dependent on others for assistance with the activities of daily living (ADL). Their need prompted a new concept in housing, and in the 1963-64 school year the concept of the Guy Beckwith Living Center was born. Unlike the beautiful structure of the new Beckwith facility, a modest frame building served as a housing unit that would provide ADL assistance. The students were not to be passive recipients of services, however. Aside from responding to the academic demands of campus life, they accepted the responsibility of operating that facility (establishing rental rates, hiring assistants, planning menus, etc.) while striving to develop those skills that would bring them to their individual optimum levels of physical performance. The experiences of the students in that first facility and the generosity of Guy Beckwith provide the students of today and those to come with a fashionable, proven housing program as part of the total college experience.



Tanbrier, Beckwith's predecessor, housed up to 5 disabled students at one time since 1963.



The Guy M. Beckwith Living Center, a modern facility with a capacity of 20 students, both male and female, welcomed students for the fall semester, 1981.

## THE BECKWITH PLAN

In keeping with the past, the students at Beckwith will have a major voice in the day to day operations of their "home", although, out of financial necessity the university has become more involved. It should be emphasized that the students and staff (many of whom are students) quite naturally afford one another a mutually rewarding and beneficial experience.

Accordingly, at Beckwith, disabled students receive support services (including ADL) essential to their well being and to the realization of their goals. In addition, individual instruction and training is offered to those skills that enable the student to assume greater responsibility for self and lessen dependence on others. In return, the staff will learn first-hand the resident student's abilities and needs, striving to help increase the former by curtailing the latter. An important segment of the staff, the assistants, are all pre-med students. The reason for this is to educate future doctors with respect to understanding the physical potential and inherent characteristics of various disabilities, as Beckwith will house students with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, etc. Experience suggests that many can achieve complete or near complete independence levels, each in his/her own way. Each can learn enough about himself/herself to assume responsibility for self so that upon graduation each can locate where the best job opportunity exists, and in that setting instruct other individuals how to help minimally morning and evening while maintaining independence on the job throughout the day.

## THE FACILITY

The Beckwith facility consists of two floors. The first floor is comprised of 20 sleep-study rooms, kitchen, dining hall, library and lounge. The library-study area is equipped with terminal access to all computer resources on campus. The second floor includes 2 sleep-study rooms, 1 efficiency apartment, 2 one-bedroom apartments, 2 two-bedroom apartments, laundry, and a medical suite with emergency care equipment facilities and an office. The emergency care unit is equipped with respirator-assist devices and comparable equipment. Apartment units are used to house full-time staff, married students with a spouse who may no longer need hospital care but may still need various support services, and the student nearing graduation who wishes to prepare for living on one's own. Sleep-study rooms, apartments and lounge are equipped with Cable TV.

Beckwith is located in the heart of Fraternity/Sorority row, less than four blocks from the center of campus. Buses of the Rehabilitation-Education Center provide transportation throughout the campus area, as well as to and from the building.

This will indeed be an excellent opportunity for

disabled students new to the campus, especially freshman, to begin their educational endeavors with the guidance and companionship of other disabled students more familiar with both the university and living away from home, possibly for the first time. Questions, inquiries, and visitation appointments should be directed to the Associate Director, Rehabilitation-Education Center, 1207 South Oak Street, Champaign, IL 61820, Ph: 217/333-4602

## IN GRATITUDE

It is with deep and genuine gratitude that we dedicate this facility to the memory of Mr. Guy Beckwith, a retired Illinois farmer from the Kankakee area. In his genuine concern for young people he elected to bequest that portions of his earthly goods be directed to the development of a unique educational housing facility. The disabled students who pioneered the concept of a housing facility that would provide them with the means to live on campus, join in reminding the students of today and those to come to be ever mindful of the sacrifices and unselfishness of Mr. Beckwith.



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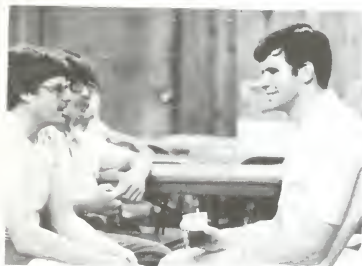
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Greetings Friends,

This year I have been privileged to be a part of a significant change, for the better, in Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO). DSO is a service fraternity, but is once again adding many social aspects and opportunities to our yearly calendar. Outings, such as the one to Lake Shelbyville, helped to attract several new members. With the increase in membership came a renewed enthusiasm. This was evident from the beginning of the year with the sale of Softball Tournament T-shirts, to the end of the year with the Central States Wheelchair Games Cookout.

Improvements were also visible in this year's Wheel-A-Thon, which included better publicity than any past DSO event. We have also made efforts to celebrate the United Nation's International Year of the Disabled Person (IYDP). T-shirts displaying the IYDP design were sold by DSO. In addition, we undertook a project involving local

realtors, helping to educate them about accessible housing. I hope DSO can continue to offer services such as these to the community.

The challenge to us as DSO members is to continue our own growth and enthusiasm, while we serve our communities through public service. The energetic group I have been working with serves only to support my belief in the potential of DSO, and I look forward to the next year.

*Barbi Baum*

Barbi Baum, President  
Delta Sigma Omicron



(L-R) Sharon Spellman, Vice President; Barbi Baum, President; Lori Dubowski, Secretary; John Denooyer, Treasurer. Not pictured: Jeff Hatley, Alumni Secretary and Ron Judkins, Executive at Large.



# DSO 1980 BANQUET

By Lori Dubowski

Each year, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend at the University of Illinois, DSO sponsors their annual Awards Banquet. This year's organizer, Sharon Spellman, DSO Vice President, did a fine job.

Students, parents, staff and guests were all in attendance for a terrific time as this year marked their thirty-first event.

Kenny List, Toastmaster, kept the evening lively and entertaining.

The Harold Scharper Achievement Award was received by Steve Gerdes, graduate of Harvard Law School and practicing attorney with the law firm of Vinson and Elkins,

Houston, Texas. The Harold Scharper Service Award was presented to Kenny List for his endless contributions to many committees, particularly the Wheel-A-Thon. The T. J. Nugent Award was received by Sharon Spellman, accomplished athlete, DSO Vice President and Banquet Chairperson.

The entertainment was especially good this year. Cathy Chereck teamed up with Chris Moran for some fine singing. The musical highlight of the evening was Mike Makeever on the piano, accompanied by Chris Andrews on the flute.

A good time was had by all.



Mike Makeever, dancing on the ivory.



Toastmaster, Kenny List, taking care of business.



Lori Dubowski, Sharon Spellman, Barbi Baum, Kenny List, Rev. and Mrs. Paddock.



Outside looking in, a shot from the audience.

# THE HAROLD SCHARPER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Harold Scharper Achievement Award is presented each year to the graduating senior or recent alumnus who has exhibited the greatest achievements; academically, physically, socially, in extracurricular functions and in professional endeavor, during the recipient's schooling at the University of Illinois or immediately upon the completion of schooling. The individual selected for this award will receive for permanent keeping a fitting desk or wall plaque which can be proudly displayed in the recipient's home, office, or place of business. The recipient's name will also be inscribed on the beautiful Harold Scharper Achievement Plaque which hangs in the University's Rehabilitation-Education Center. This large plaque will be maintained indefinitely with the name of each year's award winner being inscribed upon it. It is the highest recognition that the University of Illinois and Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated, can bestow upon one of its physically disabled students. It is indeed an honor to the recipients and a great example to the many students who will follow in years to come.

## — 1980 — STEVE H. GERDES

After completing an impressive high school record of achievement as student body president and valedictorian of his senior class, Steve entered the University of Illinois in the Fall of 1973 to begin what has proven to be a very highly achieved college record and promising professional career.

As a James Scholar (honor student) in the College of Agriculture, Steve compiled a cumulative grade point average of 4.85 (A=5) with a 5.0 average for his last ninety

semester hours. He graduated in May, 1977 (B.S. degree in Agricultural Finance) in the upper 1% of his class with highest honors, and accordingly was a Bronze Tablet recipient. During the summer of 1976, following his junior year as a research assistant, undergraduate Steve prepared a 40-page manuscript, *Statement of Change in Financial Position*, relating to accounting statements. The purpose of his research was to provide input for development of a coordinated set of financial statements for use in agriculture. This manuscript, prepared under the supervision of Dr. T. L. Fry, Professor of Agricultural Finance, published under co-authorship, is considered to be a significant contribution to Agricultural Finance. He passed the Certified Public Accountant Examination in August, 1977.

Steve earned a 777 score, the equivalent of a 99.8 percentile (800 is a perfect score) on the Law School Admission Test and was accepted at four law schools including Stanford University, University of Michigan, Duke University and Harvard.

He entered Harvard in the Fall of 1977, the first law student to enter Harvard in a wheelchair. During his first year, he was recognized for preparing the best Brief for Moot Court. Following his first year, he was employed for the summer by a Peoria law firm. Based on his performance for only the summer, the firm immediately offered him full-time employment after law school. During his third year of law school, he was appointed as an instructor in accounting for the school's International Tax Program for attorneys and tax administrators from foreign countries.

In June 1980 Steve received the Juris Doctor degree. He is currently associated as a tax attorney with the law firm of Vinson and Elkins, Houston, Texas. A firm of 300 attorneys, Vinson and Elkins is the same firm of which John Connally is a major partner.

Steve, a most industrious person, has done an excellent job of overcoming his disability, and has helped others to achieve the same. As a quiet, modest person with a warm personality, he is willing to help others without expecting anything in return. While on campus Steve served as treasurer of Delta Sigma Omicron and held memberships in Alpha Gamma Rho (served as co-chairperson of Dad's Day), Alpha Zeta (honor fraternity for those in the top of their class), Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Sigma Iota Lambda (pre-law club). Steve has achieved much in a short period of time.

Steve is a C-5 quadriplegic, the result of a football injury to his spinal cord at the beginning of his senior year in high school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gerdes, RFD #1, Walnut, Illinois 61376. He currently resides at 1617 Fannin Avenue, Apt. 1309, Houston, Texas 77002.



(L-R) Warren Wessels, Assistant Dean; Mrs. Gerdes, Steve Gerdes, 1980 Harold Scharper Achievement Award Recipient, and his father, Herbert Gerdes.

# THE HAROLD SCHARPER SERVICE AWARD

The Harold Scharper Service Award is given each year to a student of any class, who has contributed the greatest service in the development of furtherance of the purposes and practices for which the University's program was established and to which Harold Scharper dedicated his life. The individual receiving this award will be given a fitting desk or wall plaque which can be proudly displayed in the recipient's home, office, or place of business. The recipient's name will be inscribed on the large Harold Scharper Service Plaque which is publicly displayed in the University's Rehabilitation-Education Center, and which will be maintained indefinitely as a credit to the recipient of the award and as an example to all students who will follow. The establishment of the Service Award was to supplement the Achievement Award since Harold Scharper expressed, "the effort of our program will only be as good as the unselfish service rendered to it by its participants."

## — 1980 — KENNY LIST

Kenny List is a senior in the Therapeutic Recreation curriculum, College of Applied Life Studies, Department of Leisure Studies.

In his genuine concern for the welfare of people, he has always been supportive of any project or activity that is initiated to benefit others. Once described as a fellow who doesn't have an unkind nerve in his body, Kenny has been a hard working, honest, conscientious member of DSO.

Over the last four years, Kenny has been a member of the Gizz Kids wheelchair basketball team and was a

member of the 1978 Gizz Kids Central Intercollegiate Conference champions. He was also a member of the 1979 championship team of the 3rd National Wheelchair Softball Tournament.

It has been said that as a member of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, Kenny has served on "almost every committee"; his major contribution being chairman of the KDR Little Sister Rush. He is a member of the Tribe of Illini and is a Master Mason.

In some instances individuals may be recognized for minimum service in a number of different areas. While Kenny has been involved in a variety of services, his energies for the past three years have been primarily directed to one of DSO's major events, the Wheel-A-Thon. This event requires sustained leadership in a project that consumes considerable time, requires detailed and thorough coordination with many other units on and off campus, and calls for a devotion to service beyond that which is required in other "lesser" or short term service activities. As chairman, Kenny provided the leadership and the enthusiasm, devoted many long hours, and effectively interacted with many individuals and groups, to bring about a successful project. Last year's event realized approximately \$5,000 in pledges. Half of the Wheel-A-Thon's proceeds are directed to the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation for spinal cord injury research and half of the proceeds are contributed to DSO to support other service projects sponsored by DSO.

Kenny's service contributions have brought recognition and pride to the University, DSO, and Kappa Delta Rho. He has served vigorously, successfully, and unselfishly.

Kenny has cerebral palsy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert List, RR #1, Box 9, Mason City, Illinois 62664.



Kenny List (center) receiving the Harold Scharper Service Award with Dean Kenneth "Casey" Clark (left) and Vice Chancellor Donald Wendel.

# THE T. J. NUGENT AWARD

In 1970 a special award was established by members of Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, to honor Professor Timothy J. Nugent, Founder and Director of the Rehabilitation-Education Center on the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana campus. This award is presented annually in recognition of service performed by a student to both the rehabilitation program and his or her fellow students. The recipient is judged on the following attributes: personal integrity, human dignity, intellectual endeavor, pride in self, and concern for others. The recipient of the award receives \$50 to be donated to her/his favorite program, cause, or charity.

The Executive Board of Delta Sigma Omicron has chosen Sharon A. Spellman to receive this year's award.

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**SHARON A. SPELLMAN**

Sharon attended Edgewood College and the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee prior to transferring to the

University of Illinois in 1978. Sharon is currently enrolled in the College of Applied Life Studies, Therapeutic Recreation curriculum. She is the daughter of Timothy and June Spellman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Among her many talents and interests are some noteworthy athletic awards and accomplishments:

1979—Most Improved Athlete (selected by Ms. Kids team members)

1979—Gold Medalist in Archery at the National Wheelchair Games

1979—Received her Varsity Athletic letter in basketball.

She was also a member of the 2nd place Gizz Kids team in the 2nd National Wheelchair Softball Tournament. Sharon is currently Vice President of Delta Sigma Omicron. She is also Banquet Chairperson for the 1980 Awards Banquet.

Perhaps Sharon's accomplishments are best described by the opening sentences of her nomination:

"Sharon Spellman appears to become more self-confident everyday. When I first met Sharon two years ago, she was uncertain of her abilities. Slowly she began to realize she had great potential." She has certainly proved this in many ways. In her quiet manner she has taken on tasks and followed through till completion and is more than willing to help others when help is needed.

Congratulations to a young woman who exemplifies the spirit of the Nugent Award.



Sharon Spellman (left) receiving the T. J. Nugent Award, presented to her by Joel Fink and Barbi Baum.

# Handicap or Disability?

By Peter Paul

This paper presents a brief discussion of terms that are typically employed to describe those persons possessing different degrees of impairments, i.e., sensory or physical afflictions. (It is assumed that these persons possess at least average intelligence when compared to the normal population.) The question posed is, how does one refer to these individuals: as being disabled or as being handicapped? This is not a perfunctory, academic query. The question is much more complex than it seems. The best that can be done here is to engage in a cursory treatment of the subject. The reader should take into account that this is a theoretical, philosophical essay. The writer derived his support from personal intuition and limited conversations with other "disabled" individuals. Essentially, this writer intends to gather empirical support for his hypothesis at a later time.

In recent years, the rehabilitation of individuals with sensory (deaf, blind) or physical (cerebral palsy, polio, etc.) impairments has resulted in a movement of individuals out of institutions and into the mainstream of society. Federal laws, which mandate that public schools and public occupations bear some of the responsibilities, have been legislated. In spite of the progress, discriminatory practices still exist, resulting in such detrimental circumstances as under-employment and unequal educational opportunities. In addition, the public laity continues to view these afflicted individuals as being "less than human". The success of some of these afflicted individuals, however—in terms of education, their vocations, and against other seemingly insurmountable barriers—has served to slowly alter, hitherto, the public laity's impervious perceptions. In light of these recent successes, it is felt that there exists a need to modify the current definitions of the terms "handicap" and "disability."

At this point, it is necessary to cite some definitions that appear in the 1979 edition of *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*.

"Disability (n) 1 a. The condition of being disabled. b. Inability to pursue an occupation because of physical or mental impairment. 2) a. Lack of legal qualification to do something. b. A nonlegal disqualification, restriction, or disadvantage.

Disable (adj) or (n) or (v+) 1) To deprive of legal right, qualification, or capacity. 2) To make incapable or ineffective, esp: to deprive of physical, moral, or intellectual strength: cripple.

Handicap (n) 1) A race or contest in which an artificial advantage is given or disadvantage imposed on a contestant to equalize chances of winning. 2) A disadvantage

that makes achievement unusually difficult; esp: a physical difficulty. (v+) 1) a. To give a handicap to. b. To assign handicaps to. 2. To put at a disadvantage."

The aforementioned definitions lend themselves to provocative, polemical discussions. The intent is to discuss the above matter in terms of a personal disability. Succinctly put, the writer has a severe-to-profound, bilateral hearing impairment or disability. Operationally defined, it is a *disability*, or a sensory defect that exists. The writer disagrees with the definitions cited earlier in that they are not sufficient. The term "disability" (1a) is too restrictive, (1b) is an insult, and both (2a) and (2b) are not really applicable.

If these definitions are employed indiscriminately, they tend to oversimplify the issue. A preferred operational definition can be found in its definition as a verb (both 1 and 2). In other words, a *handicap* is an attitude problem that exists in either the afflicted person or in other members of society. Specifically, one puts himself "at a disadvantage" if he debases himself or refuses to participate in the daily affairs of society. On the other hand, if members in society are the culprits, one can say that such persons are "assigning a handicap" to afflicted individuals. To clarify the point, take the case of being a member of a minority group (Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano, etc.). This may be a *handicap* but it is not a *disability*. The following statement should be clearly understood: "My goal is to overcome my *handicaps* (personal or societal), for I can never overcome my *disability*." In effect, it is the handicap, not the disability, that may hamper future achievements.

In summary, it is proposed that one look at individuals with impairments from a different perspective. The previous statements suggest that a disability should be operationally defined as a sensory or physical impairment that exists. It is also suggested that a handicap is essentially an attitude problem. Many disabled individuals (or individuals possessing a disability) can and do succeed in attaining an education and in a vocation if they are not impeded by handicaps. Success is not easily achieved. Yet, a person can overcome handicaps with the help of other perceptive members in society. The question of whom should bear the major portion of the burden may be decided by social psychologists and other interested professionals. The opinion of the writer is that it is an interactive cycle in which society must play a predominant role. Although one is bound by the definition provided by Webster, it is proposed that the definition of handicap be altered. The following definition is proposed:

Handicap (n) A race or contest in life in which a humane-imposed advantage (in the form of time, patience, economics, and understanding) is proffered to those afflicted contestants in order to equalize their chances of receiving an adequate education and a means of attaining a productive vocation.



# WHEEL-A-THON - 1981

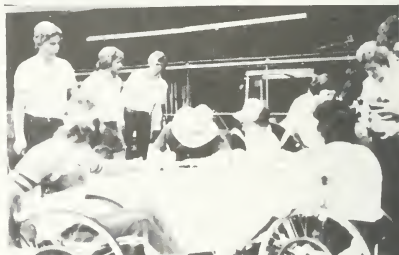
By Darren Bray

The third annual Kappa Delta Rho-Delta Sigma Omicron Wheel-A-Thon was held Sunday, April 12, 1981. Bad weather forced the event to be held on the indoor track in the Armory. More laps were required to complete a mile, but many participants felt the track surface made easier travel!

Besides the location change, Wheel-A-Thon Chairman Kenny List had planned other changes to improve the philanthropy. Brochures and posters, funded by Arby's Roast Beef Restaurants, were distributed in the area. Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers paid for T-shirts given away to all participants. Three radio and two local television stations aired Wheel-A-Thon commercials. Pepsi-cola furnished drinks and Eisner Food Stores donated money for expenses. Live entertainment throughout the event was performed by "The Omega Band" and "Powerhouse" from Danville. Last year's Grand Marshall, Neale Stoner, supplied significant prizes from the U of I Athletic Association. This year's Grand Marshall was Lou Henson, head basketball coach for the Fighting Illini. Lou, Channel 3 Anchorperson Cindy Klose, and Channel 15's Steve Larocco pushed wheelchairs to benefit the charity.

Donations this year were nearly \$2,200.00 for the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and Delta Sigma Omicron. Cindy Klose read a letter of commendation from Illinois Governor Thompson.

The Grand Prize winner (raised the most money) was Keith Sorn who received two season football tickets and a trip with the Illini Football team to the Michigan State game. Brad and Sharon Hedrick received the first prize of two season U of I basketball tickets. Janet Cross of Phi Beta Chi raised the most of all the Fraternities and Sororities and won two season football tickets.



Ron Malik and Sharon Rahn Hedrick, 2 of 7 diligent 26 milers.

## 1981—Disabled Participant

	miles
Barbi Baum	26
Chi-Wen Chang	26
Brad Hedrick	26
Sharon Hedrick	26
Jeff Koch	26
Ron Malik	26
Jeff Montag	26
Keith Sorn	22
Rene Keres	20
Donna Robinson	19
John Cox	12
Ron Judkins	8
Cathy Chereck	7
Mike Witte	7

## Able-Bodied Participant

	miles
Marshall Ness	20
Linda Eklund	18
Mike Schnoor	16
Al Swanson	15
Chris Moran	15
Lynnea Oglesby	15
Kent Cornelius	13
Trent Petrie	12
Janet Cross	10
Earl R. Allen	10
John Castle	6
Todd Graham	6
Jeff Staley	6
Tom Waldron	6
Dean Dau	5
Ralph Moshage	5
Beth Huper	5
Judy McFadden	5



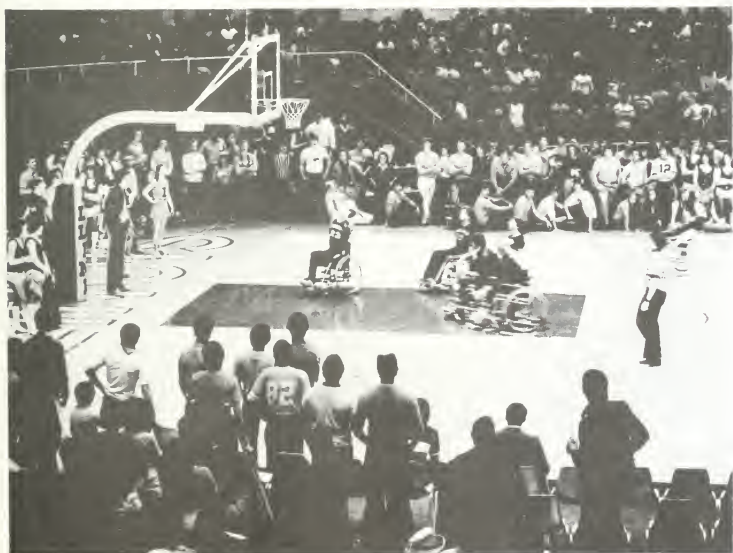
Drivers, start your engines—as D.S.O. members and Friends prepare to wheel in the 3rd annual Wheel-A-Thon.



Cathy Chereck, seemingly leading the pack?

# SPORTS

1980 - 1981



## SOFTBALL — 1980

On September 19, 1980 eight wheelchair softball teams assembled at the U of I Armory for the 4th National Wheelchair Softball Tournament.

Delta Sigma Omicron and the Recreation and Athletics office were asked to host the tournament because 1) The U of I Armory provided a perfect surface as well as eliminating the problems of rained out games. 2) The Recreation & Athletics office and DSO had hosted successful national tournaments in various wheelchair sports. 3) The Gizz kids were last years defending national champions. 4) It was felt that if we hosted the tournament that wheelchair softball would be recognized as a legitimate wheelchair sport.

The tournament was the largest and most highly competitive one ever held. Teams battled it out on the 3 day competition as they one by one were eliminated in the double elimination tournament.



Ron Malik waits for the delivery.

As usual the Gizz Kids demonstrated their great defensive play by defeating the Chicago Pacemakers in the last inning 1-0 (the Pacemakers scored 21 runs in their next two games). Unfortunately for the Gizz Kids, their bats weren't as lively, as they were defeated 5-1 by the St. Paul Rolling Thunder (the eventual champs) and eliminated by the Sioux Falls team 3-1.

The Gizz Kids finished 5th as pitcher Ed Tichenor was voted outstanding pitcher. The All-tournament team was composed of many former Gizz Kids including Don Schmidt, Randy Rimnac, Bob Trotter, and Paul Jarboe.

Participants and fans all agreed that it was a great tournament and banquet. Special thanks go to Delta Sigma Omicron and the Paralyzed Veterans of America for their assistance of Recreation and Athletics to make the 4th National Wheelchair Softball Tournament such a success.



Ed Tichenor, winding up.

## FOOTBALL - 1980

Every fall the traditional wheelchair football rivalry between the "Blues" and "Whites" takes place. In the first game of the season, the Blues unleashed a tremendous offense which featured a deadly QB option play. The Blues were able to complete 10 of 19 passes as well as gain 104 yards rushing. The result was a 38-0 blowout.

In the second game of the season quarterback Ron Malik hit Carl Lewis for a touchdown and then Ron scored the 2 point conversion to give the Blues an 8-0 lead. Everyone expected this to be another year in which the Blues would roll over their opposition. But the Whites quarterback Don Thompson went to work throwing scoring bombs to Eddie Callahan and two to Brad Hedrick. Final score Whites 19, Blues 8.



Brad Hedrick breaks away from Bob Trotter to make a fine catch.

The teams took a break to compete in the 4th National Wheelchair Softball tournament hosted here at the U of I and then combined to form an all-star game team to host a tournament involving the Chicago Pacemakers and Chicago Sidewinders.

In the opening game quarterback Don Thompson completed 30 of 48 passes for 236 yards and 4 touchdowns and rushed for another touchdown. When the dust had settled, the score was Gizz Kids 31, Pacemakers 0. Don's



performance was certainly one of the finest ever witnessed in wheelchair football.

In the 2nd game the Gizz Kids played the very talented Chicago Sidewinders. Probably the biggest factor in this game was that the Gizz Kids were tired from their first game while the Sidewinders were rested and had the opportunity to "scout" the Gizz Kids during their game. Although the Gizz Kids played well, the Sidewinders amassed 214 yards through the air and defeated the Gizz Kids 28-13.

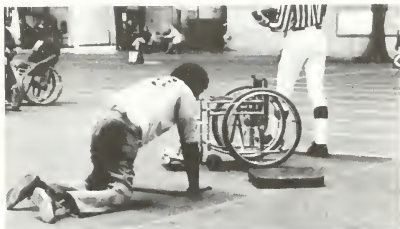
In the 3rd game, the Sidewinders got an opportunity to experience how difficult it is to play back to back games. This time it was the Pacemakers turn to taste victory as former Gizz Kid Randy Rinnac and Bob Trotter connected for 3 touchdowns in a 32-12 victory by the Pacemakers over the Sidewinders.

Each tournament team had won a game and lost a game. It illustrated the tough competitiveness and evenness of the three teams. Just as the Blues and Whites look forward to renewing their rivalry in 1981, so do the Chicago teams.

## 1980-81 MS. Kids Basketball

By Brad Hedrick

Although references to sport teams being in transitional or "rebuilding" years generally are associated with lowered expectations regarding team performance, the 1980-81 Ms. Kids proved that this need not be necessary. With only three experienced athletes, Barbi Baum, Sharon Hedrick and Laura Marshall, and four novices, Sue Johnson, René Keres, Donna Robinson and Cindi Schaefer, the Ms. Kids demonstrated that enthusiasm and perseverance can more than compensate for inexperience.



Down and out—Who says wheelchair football is a tame sport?

With the Chicago Charmers as their barometer of improvement, the Ms. Kids advanced from their closely contested 6 point victory over the Charmers in November to a big 25 point win in February. The Ms. Kids indeed felt that they were ready for the rigors of national competition.

Although the team had demonstrated phenomenal improvement during the season, with three novice starters, the Ms. Kids weren't considered to be a real threat to the two most talented and experienced teams competing in the 7th National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in Colorado Springs. However, the prognosticators weren't aware of the fact that the Ms. Kids were planning on putting on a clinic in how to play controlled, patterned offense and sound team defense. When the smoke had cleared, the Ms. Kids had won the admiration and respect of all those in attendance with a shocking one point victory over the highly touted Minnesota Rolling Gophers and a hotly contested seven point loss in the finals to the veterans of the California Sunrise. With such a spectacular "rebuilding" year, the now veteran Ms. Kids are anxiously awaiting the 8th NWWBT in Los Angeles in hopes of winning their 3rd national title in 8 years.



1980-81 Ms. Kids Team—Front Row (L-R) Laura Ottoboni, Sharon Rahn Hedrick, Barbi Baum, Laura Marshall, Sue Johnson and Barb Starick. Back Row (L-R) Nancy Rappaport, Coach Brad Hedrick, Jody Wonser and Tami Rapsliber.



1980-81 Gizz Kids Team—Front Row (L-R) Kenny List, Gordon Lau, Jeff Montag, John Cox, Chi-Wen Chang, and Mike Makeever. Back

Row (L-R) Bill Mramer, Coach Phil Mirell and Dan Stanger.

## Gizz Kids 1980-1981 Wheelchair Basketball Season

The 1980-81 wheelchair basketball season was a rebuilding one for the Gizz Kids. With only 3 returning players, seniors Jeff Montag and co-captain Kenny List and junior Chi-Wen Chang, the team concentrated on the development of first year players Bruce Olson (junior), John Cox (freshman) and Gordon Lau (freshman).

As the year rolled along Bruce Olson developed into a good player both offensively (over 10 points per game) and defensively. Freshman John Cox's aggressive play made him one of the finest Class I players in the league and developed into a real leader on the court. Freshman Gordon Lau who had never seen a basketball game in his life in Taiwan quickly picked up the skills involved and developed into a fairly good player.

The Gizz Kids finished the season with a 7-11 record and were 4-6 in the Central Intercollegiate Conference.

As the year progressed the new players improved and during tour the team really started to "jell." The first game of the year they were beaten by SIU 49-20, the last game of the year they turned the tables and humbled the SIU team 49-29.

In the 4th National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament a missed shot with 2 seconds left kept the Gizz Kids from advancing to the championship game. Along with their 3rd place trophy Mike Makeever (21 points per game) and Bruce Olson (20 rebounds vs SIU) were named to the all tournament team. Bruce also won the sportsmanship trophy.

With the loss of only 2 seniors, league leading scorer Mike Makeever returning, the tremendous improvement by the 1st year players and a talented group of incoming

freshmen, the Gizz Kids are looking forward to an outstanding 1981-82 season and have their eyes on both the conference and intercollegiate wheelchair basketball crowns.

## TRACK & FIELD—1981

No sooner had the Gizz and Ms. Kids hung up their basketball uniforms than it was time for track and field. In about a months time these athletes had to improve their times and distances to be able to qualify at the Central States Regional Track and Field held here at the U of I, so as to enable them to advance to the 25th National Wheelchair Games held in Seattle, Washington.

The athletes worked hard and ten of them qualified to go to the Nationals. After qualifying at the Regionals, the next step was to raise the money to go to the Nationals. The cost was staggering, over \$5,000! Once again alumni, friends and local businesses joined together to raise the money and our athletes made them proud.

First year competitor René Keres won a gold in the novice archery. Dave Wishart won 2 silvers in swimming, Barbi Baum won a silver in the 60 meter push and in the breaststroke and freestyle, a bronze in the backstroke and a gold medal in table tennis. Superstar Sharon Hedrick took a gold in the slalom and 200 meters, a bronze in the javelin, and won gold medals and set national records in the 100, 800, and 1500 meter races!

Besides an outstanding performance at the track meet, the Gizz Kids were able to tour the beautiful city of Seattle and sample the great seafood.

The Gizz Kids look forward to great success from newcomers Mike Witte, Dave Mundy, Ginger Hickey, Rene Keres and a large number of talented new students who joined us this year.



Sharon Rahn Hedrick doing what she does best.



Ron Malik out in front.

## WINTER TOUR—1981

By Rene Keres and Phil Mirell

On January 5, 1981, 4:30 a.m. a busload of sleepy Ms. Kids, Gizz Kids, coaches and grad assistants and two bright eyed and bushy tailed bus drivers departed from the Rehabilitation-Education Center on their annual mid-winter tour.

Most of the team members, who were recovering from a rough practice the day before, enjoyed a nice sleep on the way to Pittsburgh. Everyone woke up when we passed by Three Mile Island, an eerie sight.

When we arrived at the Airport Hilton in Pittsburgh we were greeted by a large "Go For It Illinois" sign. That was the emotional lift we needed after a long bus ride. That night we put on an exhibition against local T.V. and radio personalities. The game was set up by Ms. Kid Barbi Baum's father's Lions Club. The exhibition went well and the crowd was very enthusiastic. After the game Mr. Baum took us to a nice restaurant where everyone got their second wind.

The next morning bright and early we were on our way to Philadelphia, "The City of Brotherly Love." Many of us got our first look at the "inner city". That night at Temple University we played an All-Star team made up of Philadelphia Spokesmen and Paramount wheelchair basketball players. After the long trip it took us a while to get untracked and were beaten 46-34 by the All-Star team. That night we were once again treated to a lavish meal, an all you could eat smorgasborg.

We were housed at the Easter Seal Camp outside of Philadelphia. It's a beautiful facility and completely accessible. The next night the Ms. Kids played a team of able-bodied Physical Therapists from area rehabilitation hospitals and demonstrated how much skill is involved in wheelchair basketball by whipping them 36-6. In the second game the Gizz Kids, led by Mike Makeever's twenty-four points almost upset the host team, the Philadelphia Spokesmen. Final score 50-43. The game was held in a beautiful exhibition hall that was built for the 1876 Centennial held in Philadelphia. It had been recently converted to a recreation hall for physically disabled and this exhibition helped publicize this accessible facility.

During our stay in Philadelphia we had a reception at the Mayor's office in which we all received miniature liberty bells and received a proclamation honoring the Gizz Kids contributions over the years. Later that afternoon we took a guided tour of Philadelphia and saw the real Liberty Bell and various other sites.

We went to coach Phil Mirell's parent's house and were served a delicious lasagna and chicken dinner. Mike Makeever entertained us all by playing any song requested on the Mirell's piano.

On Friday, January 9, we headed for Wilmington, Delaware where we took a tour of the DuPont Rehabilitation Hospital. It's a magnificent facility and is in the midst of an impressive expansion program. Following a

delicious dinner we played an All-Star team made up of Easter Seal players from Philadelphia and Delaware. It was an exciting game and ended with a missed shot in the final seconds which gave the Easter Seals All-Stars a 47-46 victory. The Gizz Kids were proud to have participated in the 1st Wheelchair basketball game in the State of Delaware. After the game some University of Illinois alumni who had come to see the game took us to the DuPont Country Club where we had an enjoyable evening.

On Saturday, January 10, we traveled to Washington, D.C. and were housed at the V.I.P. billets at Andrews Air Force Base. The airmen ramped numerous buildings on the base and went out of their way to assist us. We were allowed by the secret service to witness President Carter arrive on Air Force One from Plains, Georgia, his last flight home in preparation for the inauguration. Unfortunately, it was the coldest day in D.C. history for that date and we got a few waves from the President as he hustled from Air Force One to his helicopter.

Gizz Kid Jeff Montag's uncle really made our stay in D.C. a memorable one. He took us on a tour of the White House and the Capital and treated us all at a fancy seafood restaurant.

The following day we played the rugged Capital Smokers wheelchair basketball team and came out winners by a 46-39 score. After the game we headed back to Mr. Horn's (Jeff's uncle) house where we had a lavish meal and once again were entertained by the magnificent piano playing of Co-Captain Mike Makeever.

The following day we headed back west and stopped at the home of ex-Gizz Kid Ron Malik. "Mama Malik" once again demonstrated why she's one of the best cooks east of the Mississippi. Thank goodness we ate this fabulous meal after our exhibition game at Ron's old high school. It would have been embarrassing to have lost to the hometown team (able-bodied coaches) and we would have rolled up and down the court, without being in our wheelchairs.

On Tuesday, January 13, we headed back to Campaign feeling pretty tired from our hectic schedule of playing games, meeting people, sightseeing and spending hours on the bus.

But when we remembered the amazed look of the people in the crowd as we performed, how we gave the local teams publicity, raised money for our program and programs in the communities we visited, how we played the 1st Wheelchair basketball game in Delaware, had Andrews Air Force Base ramped and publicized the accessible recreation facility in Philadelphia, we didn't feel quite so tired.

When we remember the feasts we had in each city we realized how our basketball skills had grown during tour; unfortunately, so had our waistslines.

We have been asked to repeat the same tour in 1982 because it was such a success. We're anxious to perform before even bigger crowds next year, and maybe visit a restaurant or two we missed the first time around.



# THE OLYMPICS FOR THE DISABLED

By Barbi Baum

Every four years the Olympics for the Disabled are held in the same country as the able-bodied Olympics. In 1980, however, Russia hosted the Olympics. Russia claims to have no disabled persons and so would not host the Olympics for the Disabled. As a result, from June 21st to July 5th, the Games were held in Arnhem, Holland.

Four athletes from the University of Illinois were selected to participate as members of the United States team. Sharon Rahn Hedrick was selected for her abilities in track and basketball. Barbi Baum was chosen for her swimming talents. Brad Hedrick and Betsy Pyle were picked solely for their expert basketball skills. Also included in the United States entourage were Illinois alumni competitors Susan Hagel, Ed Owen, Bob Ocvirk and Rod Vlieger. Serving as the women's basketball team coach was former Ms. Kids coach Bob Szymanski, while past Recreation and Athletics Supervisor Stan Labanowich was busily attending to the chores of chairing the International Basketball Subcommittee.

The Games were very well organized. Most events started on time and ran smoothly. Ceremonies honoring the winners directly followed each event, which was quite a task considering the number of events held at one time. Perhaps the most outstanding example of the extraordinary organization was the stringent security system devised for the Games. Only coaches and competitors were permitted in the Olympic Village, and check points screened for possible intruders. Sometimes the security system seemed unfair to spectators and visitors alike, but the competitors realized the importance of these precautions.



Most of the events were held at different sites in or around the Arnhem area. Attending the swimming events proved to be most inconvenient because of the 40 minute bus ride required to reach the pool. The bus service between other game sites, however, was superb!

All in all the Games were both enjoyable and exciting. Some people seemed disappointed by the performance of the Paraplegic Team (an overall 3rd in total medals), but the U.S. team was restricted to only 60 athletes. The entire U.S. team, including paraplegics, blind, amputees and cerebral palsied, placed first in overall medal count. The competition was tough in all events, but somehow the action on the basketball court drew the most attention.

The men's basketball team met with some disappointment on the court. They won all their games until they played the tough Holland team. In this game, the U.S. team lost 63-60. The lack of a polished defense as well as the noisy hometown crowd have been cited as reasons for the upset. Whatever the reason, the U.S. team had lost their chance for the gold. In the championship game, Holland faced the young Israeli team. Holland lost 54-44 which was frustrating for the U.S. team since they had previously beaten Israel 63-43. In the bid for 3rd place, the U.S. brought home the bronze beating the French team 80-60.

The women's team too had their share of problems. The women had only four players chosen exclusively for basketball and, as a result, some games were played with a minimum of team members. The U.S. team ended up 3rd with a record of 2 wins and four losses. Hopefully, by 1984 their entire team will be comprised of players selected solely to compete on the courts rather than borrowing the services of athletes from other areas. Such a change would greatly improve the team's win/loss record.



(L-R) Barbi Baum, senior in Commerce, and Elizabeth Pyle, a U of I Alum, at the U.S. Olympics held at Arnhem, Holland.



On the track, U of I athletes really displayed their talents. Sharon Rahn Hedrick captured the gold setting new records in the 60, 800 and 1500 meter class IV pushes. Her part in the 4x100 relay aided the U.S. in securing the silver. Barbi Baum pushed in the 4x60 quad relay helping set a new world record and bringing home the gold. She also earned a bronze in the 25 meter breaststroke.

While the Games had its disappointments, the accommodations on it were great and the competition was excellent. There was also adequate time for sightseeing and relaxation. The country was beautiful and the people were friendly. The 1980 Olympics for the Disabled were olympics in every sense of the word. Being able to compete in Holland was an experience I will never forget.

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# GRADUATES



Don Schmidt



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Mark Crosley

## May, 1980

Andrew Beal, B.S. in Accounting (High Honors), Charcot Marie Tooth  
Raymond Cheng, B.S. in Engineering Physics, Hearing Loss  
Robert Crandall, M.S. Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Traumatic Quadriplegia

Mark Crosley, B.S. in Agriculture, Perthes

Mark Curley, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Traumatic Quadriplegia

Ellen Fireman, B.S. in Accounting, Hearing Loss

Alan Larson, B.S. in Psychology, Spina Bifida

James Martin, B.S.W. in Social Work, Traumatic Paraplegia

Jean McCay, J.D. in Law, Visual Impairment

Richard Pilkington, A.B. in History, Cerebral Palsy

Sharon Rahn, B.S. Health and Safety Education (High Honors), Traumatic Paraplegia

James D. Ward, B.S. in Agriculture (High Honors), Hearing Loss

Stephen Zumbo, M.S. in Library Science, Cerebral Palsy

## August, 1980

Donald Schmidt, B.S. in Leisure Studies, Traumatic Quadriplegia

## October, 1980

Carole Herbster, B.S. Health and Safety Education, Paraplegia

## January, 1981

Ronald Malik, B.F.A. in Art Education, Traumatic Paraplegia

Robert Messick, A.B. in History, Visual Impairment

Richard Webster, B.S. in Leisure Studies, Traumatic Quadriplegia

David Wishart, M.S. in Economics, Traumatic Paraplegia



Barbara Cotter



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\*Christiansen, Jeff  
 Franczak, Gloria  
 \*Hedrick, Bradley  
 \*Hedrick, Sharon  
 Krueger, Donald  
 Makeever, Mike  
 Mirell, Holly

Olson, Bill  
 \*Paul, Peter  
 Siekert, Mary  
 Smeeth, Kelly  
 \*Thomas, Joan  
 \*Weiss, Elizabeth  
 Zumbo, Stephen

\*Based only on completed courses — one or more Ex or Df grades not removed



Marilynn Leable



Dave Mundy

#### 4.000 to 4.999

Augustine, Anthony  
 Blair, Andrea  
 Baum, Barbara  
 Chiu, Chan  
 \*Cotter, Barbara  
 Dubowski, Lori  
 Eklund, Cheryl  
 Funkhouser, Ellen  
 Gyenes, Russell  
 Hafer, William  
 Hesse, Steven  
 Jennings, Suzanne  
 Lau, Ping-kuen  
 Leable, Marilynn

#### 4.000 to 4.999

Lernor, Matthew  
 MacGregor, Melinda  
 Malik, Ronald  
 Marshall, Laura  
 Mundy, David  
 Ottoboni, Laura  
 Peltz, Stewart  
 Pilkington, Richard  
 Raczek, Randy  
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Mary Siekert



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Barbi Baum	Basketball Swimming Track	Commerce	Pittsburg, PA
Lori Dubowski	Basketball	LAS	Oak Park, IL
Sharon Rahn Hedrick	Basketball Track	ALS	Hatboro, PA
Mike Makeever	Basketball	FAA	Ottawa, IL
Laura Marshall	Basketball	LAS	Barrington, IL

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Lori Dubowski



Sharon Rahn Hedrick



Mike Makeever

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## **TONY AUGUSTINE - 1980**

Tony Augustine is a 1981 graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture. He earned a 4.3 cumulative grade point average, majoring in Agricultural Economics—marketing curriculum.

During his high school years, Tony was involved in many activities. As a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America), he has served as treasurer, secretary and judge of crops, livestock and soil. Academically, Tony made the National Honor Society and was a member of the Lettermen's Club (track, cross-country). He also belonged to 4-H, where he functioned at one time or another as president, vice-president and secretary.

Tony is a young man who came to the University of Illinois as a double amputee. He lost both arms due to meningitis which he contracted during his senior year in high school. Tony has exhibited a great deal of tenacity and courage in the completion of his undergraduate work. In addition to his studies he umpired intramural softball and was a dormitory livabilities officer.

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# ALUMNI



# LETTERS FROM ALUMS

Dear Tim and R.E.C. Gang,

Greetings from the land of dark-eyed *senoritas* and mariachi music, beans and tortillas, etc.

I hope you all remember me around the Center. Bet you can't guess where I am now! Mexico; But more so, *southern* Mexico, in the toe-rip of the country, about a dozen strong pushes on an E & J manual wheelchair away from Guatemala. There aren't any problems here in Tapachula, revolutionary-wise, that is.

I'm living in and working for a privately owned and operated English language school. We teach only English to the local people, all the way from kindergarten age to adults. All but one of my 6 classes are teenagers or adults. I really like this sort of work a lot, the seeds of which were planted my last 2 years at the U. of I. ('75-'77).

Talking about accessibility in the city as a whole, there isn't much. To be sure, there's probably not much need for ramped curbs, or step-less store entrances, and the like. But boy, do I get looked at hard when I go cruising thru the streets in my electric chair! I'd like to know what some of them are thinking, just once. The police are very kind to me to stop traffic for me to cross at the main intersections. And often perfect strangers help me get up and down the curb at the main central Plaza where "it's all at." Of course, I often go about accompanied by my many friends, but everyone is sorta shocked when I tell them I often go out solito (= alone).



Terrel Trotter, Jr.

You can well imagine that my Spanish is getting better each day. With such pretty girls to talk to—who don't know any or enough English—there's no other way, right? Right!

Hey what's new (or old) around the Rehab Center these days? Bound to be some changes I'm sure. I'd like to hear from someone there who knew me "when" and can tell me how all my friends are. OK? Living here makes one really appreciate the benefits and physical freedom a guy like me enjoyed at the U. of I.

Till later, take care, y'all.

As always,  
Terry Trotter

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Dear Tim:

I thought I would bring you up to date on my latest activities. I have broadened the experiences of disabled students here by setting up study-tours. I took 38 people to Hawaii last summer and just returned from a second 8-day trip in which 15 students enrolled (the second trip was much easier because of the fewer students—but both were great fun and very successful!)

As a result of these successes, I am broadening all of our experiences and Terry is joining me as co-tour director, by taking a 17-day trip to England in July.

Several things you should know about the study-tours:

1. One does not have to live in the De Anza College District to be eligible to participate.
2. One need not be disabled in order to participate.
3. My tours are ideal for elderly persons who need some direction and might have slight mobility problems and also want a slower-paced tour.
4. We can arrange for participants to fly to and from anywhere (not only San Francisco) and we will meet them at Heathrow Airport. (The cost of the trip will vary depending on these flight arrangements—it would be less from Illinois.)

I was prompted to write to you because I know of your many contacts in the disabled community. Eventually, Nancy Bjork, the travel agent with whom I work (who also happens to be a physical therapist) and I want to set up our own specialized travel service and probably will form a non-profit educational travel firm. For more information, write to me at De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA, 95014.

Helen Jones, Executive Head  
Physically Limited Program

Dear Mr. Konitzki:

I was recently promoted to the position of Work Control Center Supervisor of the





Karl Rusch

Facilities Department at the Stanford University Medical Center.

Reporting directly to me is a staff of seven as follows: a dispatcher, a scheduler, two data aides, a clerk and a Quick Response Team. The latter includes an electrician and a maintenance engineer to respond to emergencies in the patient care areas.

Also, I have become an active member of the Medical Center's Handicapped Accessibility Task Force. Stanford wants to be the University of Illinois of the west coast which is a 'big dream' but certainly would be nice considering the good weather in this part of California.

I hope this finds you in good health.

Sincerely,  
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# ALUMS WORKING ON CAMPUS

**Tom Jones**, Associate Director of Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and former instructor of radio and T.V. was appointed Committee Chairman and Liaison, International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) for Champaign-Urbana.

Tom earned his B.S. in Journalism in June of 1959 and his M.S. in Radio & T.V. in August of 1971, both at the U of I. A few of his past accomplishments include the position of Sports Director at WCIA-TV in Champaign, a CBS affiliate, and in 1962, along with a group of other athletes, he and his wife Louise toured South Africa for six weeks to promote public awareness of the abilities of the disabled.

Since his appointment Tom and his IYDP committee have been making great strides consistent with the U.N.'s theme of public awareness, acceptance and involvement all aimed at improving the lives of the disabled. A closer look finds Tom's committee involved in many useful projects.

There are three projects designed to ease the introduction of the disabled to the Champaign-Urbana area. The first of these involves realtor education. Seminars are being held to inform realtors of what it takes to make an apartment accessible to people with various disabilities. The realtors will then be able to identify these homes to prospective buyers or renters. Once settled in the area, as the result of another project, the fire departments in either Champaign or Urbana will be anxious to add your name and address to their files so that, in the case of a fire, they will know where you are located within the structure and what kind of help you may need. Potential services for the hearing impaired are also being explored. A special committee, made up almost entirely of the hearing impaired, deaf persons or those who work with such disabilities, is looking into special telephone communications for those in need. As a result of these projects the disabled will find it easier to locate themselves here in the Champaign-Urbana area. However, continued existence is contingent upon more than the basic housing and communication needs. Therefore, Tom's committee has branched out into many other areas.

In the area of recreation, two major projects are underway. First, using private donations and revenue sharing funds, an accessible playground is being built. However, all children will be able to use the playground so that the disabled will be able to play with all their friends. This project has been selected to be featured in a national television public service spot produced by the Advertising Council. The second project involves accessing two specially prepared garden plots to persons confined to wheelchairs. The ground has been raised to the level of a wheelchair seat and has been enclosed in large wooden boxes placed on asphalt.



**Tom Jones**, appointed Committee Chairman and Liaison, IYDP.

Parking is another problem that has long plagued those disabled individuals who require extra space on one side of the vehicle to allow easy access by wheelchair. This is especially true for those who operate vans with foldout lifts, usually installed on the passenger side of their auto. In response to their special need, Tom's IYDP committee is involved in an ongoing project with the city councils of both Champaign and Urbana to coordinate parking in those areas controlled by the cities.

In an attempt to increase public awareness and thereby eliminate attitudinal barriers hampering complete acceptance and equality for the disabled, a great deal is being accomplished. In the public schools, disabled professionals—blind, deaf and those confined to wheelchairs—are being brought into the classrooms to show the able-bodied that they have the same needs, desires and abilities as everyone else. In a similar fashion but on a larger scale, the news media is being provided information about the IYDP committee and its activities on a continual basis. Newspapers, television and radio have all been actively involved. In addition, speakers are being provided for any club, church or other organization seeking enhanced awareness of any relevant topic. Finally, a trade and information fair is planned for September 26 and 27 of the '81 year at the Market Place Shopping Center in Champaign. At the center, which serves a six county area, will be displays by manufacturers of products for the disabled and information about local area services available to the disabled.

Champaign-Urbana has long been recognized as one of the most accessible areas in the country. This has been due to the University of Illinois' long standing disabled programs operating out of the university's Rehabilitation-Education Center. Thanks to the additional efforts of Tom Jones and his IYDP Committee, Champaign-Urbana will continue to hold its reputation for accessibility and awareness.



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## American Archive Sentimental Journey

By Mary Brainard

Let us go back some 15 years to September 1964. Having been to a two-year college near my home—then Markham, Illinois—I was preparing to finish my education at the University of Illinois, 120 miles to the south. For some time I had planned to take advantage of their unique program for the rehabilitation and education of people with physical handicaps. Leaving the safe harbor of parental care and attempting to remain afloat on that sea of 30,000 souls filled me with no little trepidation. However, I embarked on those uncharted waters to discover that I was made of sterner stuff than I had supposed.

In 1948, with a small but hearty band of disabled veterans, Mr. Timothy J. Nugent began the seemingly preposterous program for making the ivy-covered halls accessible, literally, to the handicapped. Mr. Nugent possessed, as he does today, all the wit, charm and irascibility that one might expect in a man pugnacious enough to direct such a project. He could be soberly pedantic before a University Board, but he was not above appearing at a student-staff party dressed as a lollipop. To those pioneering vets, he was 'Tim', to us he was 'T.J.'. We tend to forget that only 30 years ago or so, the disabled were regarded as somewhat akin to hothouse flowers which would certainly wilt in the first fresh breeze. T. J. was proposing that the windows be opened wide; therefore, all his persuasive powers were needed to get his fledgling program off the ground. By 1964, it had expanded to include nearly 200 students with various handicaps, including one young lady with Friedreich's Ataxia (F.A.)\* and the most excruciating case of home sickness imaginable.

All prospective students are required to visit the Rehab Center for an interview before final acceptance. Imagine my

surprise to find this prestigious program headquartered in two tarpaper covered barracks squatting near a large residence hall complex like an architecture major's nightmare come to life.

Into the second of these structural horrors I went to keep my appointment with the Assistant Director, Mr. Joseph Konitzki. He was temperamentally, T.J.'s opposite, calm and cool as ye olde cucumber. He had a gentle manner and a fantastic memory for names. At that interview, I learned that I would be living and attending classes beside the able-bodied students. With the help of a few special adaptations, I would be expected to live as independently as possible. We visited a residence hall and discussed a tentative class schedule. It was growing late as I emerged from Mr. K's office. Without warning, T. J. swooped down from somewhere and cast his eagle eye upon me '... pneumatic tires ... more comfortable ... better traction. ...' He was, as usual, absolutely right.

Yet another appointment of that long afternoon was with the director of physical therapy, Mr. Chuck Elmer. He did not seem to know much about F.A. (Who does?), but Mr. Elmer's credo, as I discovered, was simple: 'When in doubt, lift a few more dumbbells'. Therapy was the obvious substitute for the four semesters of physical education required of able-bodied students. We worked with weights and pulleys and did resistance exercises. The more agile learned such practical skills as balancing, curb-jumping and returning to the chair from the floor. Mr. Elmer had several assistants, graduates in P.T., usually not much older than us students. As you might guess, these sessions were often devoted more to maneuvers of the mouth than of the body. When we got to yukking it up too much, Mr. Elmer would emerge from his office in mock fury, brandishing his bullwhip. (As editor of the Center's bi-weekly newsletter, I wrote A PSALM OF ELMER: 'Mr. Elmer is my therapist, I shall not grow flabby ...' etc., which prank earned me an award for yellow journalism, a wooden replica of a donkey's you-know-what.)

However, those days and events were all part of the future, and as I waited in Mr. Elmer's cramped office, the song 'Yellow Bird' played softly on the radio. I have but to hear that song and the scene is instantly before me: the dingy therapy room with its walls lined with strange contraptions. Above all was the feeling that I could never be part of that singular world.

Orientation week the following fall remains a pastiche of hazy memories; arising at ungodly hours, listening to T.J. expound on everything from wheelchair repairs to study habits, getting used to adapted showers and toilets, watching with awe and reverence as Mr. K. severed the Gordian knots which inevitably crept into class schedules, feeling so independent when I bought lunch at the student canteen, bumping around the dirt-floor of the Armory Quad and wondering how I'd ever get up Lincoln Hall ramp, learning to cope with apparent disaster, and much more.

The Program's most unique innovation was the regular transportation not only to and from classes, but also football games, concerts, movies and Church services. Four buses painted orange and blue ... U. of I. colors ... were equipped with hydraulic lifts. Aside from a few seats for blind and other ambulatory students, most of the floor space was vacant. Raised from street to floor level, passengers simply rolled in and put on their brakes. A cinch, right? Well, until the lift stuck, or the doors wouldn't open or any of the other much-used parts went on the blink. Rumors of new buses floated abroad from the time I arrived. However, like Macbeth's illusory dagger, they failed to materialize; 'Is this a new bus which I see before me? ... Actually they did appear during my last year on campus.

Of all the Center's personnel, the bus drivers probably knew us, as individuals, better than anyone else. We normally saw them several times a day, and they shared our lives, our loves, our joys and sorrows. They dispensed advice and did favors endlessly. Fred was my favorite. Laugh lines seamed his undistinguished

\*Friedreich's Ataxia is a hereditary, degenerative disease resulting in complete incapacitation by 30 years of age.





Mary Brainard leaving the U of I in 1969 having earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

face, and his blue eyes twinkled with mischief.

Public education as to the needs and abilities of the handicapped was a primary aim of the Rehab Program. One of the most dramatic ways of getting attention was the annual midsemester tour of the Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team.

The team received many invitations to appear from which the athletic director formulated a 12 day tour, usually one-night stands with accommodations in a local motel or sometimes, private homes. The Greyhound Company had donated a large touring bus with a lift installed and a row of seats removed. The transfer from chair to bus seat was fairly expeditious. The team played either against themselves, first string vs. second, against a local group of able-bodied men who didn't mind looking ridiculous, or, most exciting, against another wheelchair team such as the Richmond Rebels who met the Gizz Kids in Washington, D.C.

During half-time, the cheerleaders, also in chairs, displayed their yelling and pushing powers. Another exhibit focused



The author, Mary Brainard, pictured 12 years after graduation.

on architectural barriers. In his madder moments, our Occupational Therapist had dreamed up what might be called 'Occasional Chairs'. The Love Seat, for example was concocted of two old chairs soldered together so that the occupants faced one another and pushed the corresponding outer wheels in opposite directions. A team member, or sometimes a coach, was attired as the very well-endowed female member of the loving couple who modelled this chair. It was even equipped with a shade bearing the legend: 'Does she?' to be lowered at the strategic moment. I entered the spotlight as one of eight wheelchair squaredancers. "Squaredancing!! In Wheelchairs?" I hear you cry. Well, yes, it's great fun and not as difficult as it sounds. We did The Virginia Reel, The Long John's Trot, and The Texas Star. Portions of those calls are with me still.

I left the U of I in 1969 with a Bachelor's degree in Education, a Master's degree in English, and a thousand memories. By that time, my F.A. was asserting itself again, and my hopes of teaching began to go glimmering. Today, I am physically incapable of doing most of the things I did ten years ago. Yet, I am grateful to Mr. Nugent and his Rehab Program for an attitude which helps me to take life as it comes, and do what I can while I may.

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WHEREAS, the council's program involves expanding access to education and employment opportunities; removing physical barriers from buildings and transportation; increasing community participation; reducing disability through accident and disease prevention; overcoming negative stereotypes and strengthening public attitudes of support and understanding; and improving medical research and rehabilitation;

THEREFORE, I, James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim 1981 to be INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS in Illinois. By so doing, I recommit this state's resources to a worthy goal: the building of a total environment in which all of our residents have an equal chance to progress and to achieve.

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*Alan J. Dixon*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*James R. Thompson*

GOVERNOR

# International Year of Disabled Persons

## Alumni Responses

Dear Alumni:

I really enjoyed your responses to the Alumni Questionnaire. Many of you answered the questions regarding what you and your community or state are doing during the I.Y.D.P. I received a variety of answers ranging from—nothing is being done—to numerous events taking place both locally and statewide. I was pleased to find out that many of our alumni are active members and participants in their local and state I.Y.D.P. organizations and activities. The following are some of the responses that I would like to share with you.

**Arizona**—The children at Kino Learning Center are involved in a unit studying what it is like to live with a disability. (Mary Jane Cera)

**California**—There is a Community Partnership Committee. My wife Sue is Chairman and liaison to the U.S. Council. I am chairman of the committee on accessible transportation. (Dean F. Ridenour)

**Colorado**—The government OPM is sponsoring training in learning sign language and a few other events throughout the state. I am Chairman of the Governor's Council on Health and Fitness Subgroup for the youth and the schools, assisting IYDP Coalition of Disabled Persons in Sports and Athletics. I am a new member of the IYDP and have not been assigned specific duties as of this date. (Dave Collins)

**Connecticut**—I was appointed as a Commissioner of the Hartford Commission on the Handicapped. (Robert L. Cumpstone)

**Florida**—An extensive study resulted in the publishing and distribution to the public of an excellent guide book with listings of all accessible buildings, (businesses, including recreational, public buildings, restaurants, motels, etc.) in Palm Beach County. The disabled persons in the area have been very active in various organizations investigating and eliminating architectural barriers. (Mary Lou VanBarringer)

**Illinois**—My involvement is complex and on a business level. This past year I designed a comprehensive affirmative action plan for Argonne to

improve hiring statistics for handicapped persons. I instituted mechanisms that increased employment in one year that equalled or was greater than the past 5 years. I persuaded and pushed to promote this effort on my own. (Kay Wishart Stenberg)

There is a Wheel-A-Thon being dedicated to the International Year of Disabled Persons. I am on the committee for year long activities—Peer Panels, Film Festivals and Sports Day and Awareness Program. I am the President of Illinois Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and Chairman of Committee in Hospital for the Year. (Judy Williams)

I am on the committee and plan to work on reworking of current accessibility legislation. I was appointed by the Mayor to the Urbana Human Relations Commission and also elected Chairman of the commission. (Robert Drew)

**Iowa**—I am on a team the Veterans Administration visiting grade schools and the Junior High regarding physical impairments. (Dr. Thomas F. Linde)

**Kentucky**—A local committee has been formed with its main focus on removal of barriers within the community and housing. Bill is a member of the Louisville Mayor's Committee on IYDP. (Bill and Kathy Hamilton)

**Louisiana**—I am trying to interest two persons at the Medical Center to prepare a joint grant proposal for a study on the disabled in the sciences. (Charles F. "Chuck" Chapman)

**Maine**—Fourteen new buses with electric lifts have been put into service.



David Girard

Ramping of the City Hall Building, malls, etc. Governor's Council for Year of Handicapped has been established. (David Girard)

**Maryland**—Curb cuts are being put in the city of Cape Girardeau. Two fishing piers for handicapped and elderly persons are being built on two ponds in the county park. (Harold D. Kuehle)

**Missouri**—I am Chairman of the Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the University of Missouri. We had a statewide International Year of the Disabled Persons Day in Columbia that was held May 1 and 2. The University of Missouri is a National Partner, and I am liaison with the U.S. Council on IYDP. (Anne Graver Edwards)

**New Jersey**—Our community is making people aware that the handicapped can have jobs, get married, and live a normal life. We will not be shut up in a closet! I get out and around, meet people, live my own life, and take photographs. (William S. Newton)

**North Carolina**—I am the Chairman of the North Carolina Taskforce for the International Year of Disabled Persons. (Cheston "Chet" Mottershead)

**Ohio**—There is a greater Cincinnati Council for the International Year of the Disabled Persons. I am a member



Elizabeth "Buffy" Fetter

of the Committee on Communication Services Hearing and Speech Handicaps. (Sylvia Doherty Meek)

The CCPD (Cincinnati Coalition of People with Disabilities) is sponsored by the city of Cincinnati (City Council) to remove and protect accessibility, employment and other rights of the disabled. Because of this 7 year old coalition, the city of Cincinnati has stronger laws and compliance than anywhere else in Ohio. The IYDP group is trying to work through CCPD since their life will be very short (again one year). (Edgar H. Levy Jr.)

**Pennsylvania**—I am involved in working with related handicapped EEO activities, guest lectures in local high schools, lead group discussions of handicapped worker problems as part of on base EEO training for supervisors and co-worker etc. (Vic Morningstar)

**South Carolina**—Many renovations are being made to the downtown area to provide disabled parking. More of the local merchants are becoming aware of the problems of the disabled person and are attempting to renovate buildings to make them accessible. I am on the mayor's committee trying to make all public buildings accessible. I am also on the committee that is studying the problems of the handicapped person. (Patricia Gladden Frazer)

**Tennessee**—The local community of Memphis is developing an Accessibility Handbook entitled Access Memphis. I am on the Board of Directors working with this handbook. (Marcus W. Orr)

**Texas**—There are numerous city wide awareness programs that are being implemented during the International Year of the Disabled in the Houston area. I have been doing some public relations work with some of these awareness programs. I am active in the Coalition for Barrier Free Living of Houston, Texas and I was former president for Handicapped Rights Organization at SIU—Carbondale. (Don Grazier)

**Virginia**—I am a member of the mayor's committee for the handicapped in Virginia Beach. I am a member of the Special Transportation Board, Tidewater Regional Planning District. (Joel L. Abraham)

My community is D.C. and it seems there is a cocktail party or reception every week celebrating IYDP. I do hope the "ceremony" becomes a truly educational exposure to the needs of disabled persons. I have been supportive of both the federal and U.S. Council efforts through planning sessions, etc. I was fortunate to be invited to the signing ceremony by President Reagan in the Oval office. (Elizabeth "Buffy" Fetter)

**Wisconsin**—A committee has been formed to support the International Year of the Disabled Persons. I serve on the state board of directors of both the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy and the Wisconsin Disability Coalition and am Vice-Chairperson of the Douglas County Easter Seal Society and Vice President of the United Cerebral Palsy Association for Northwestern Wisconsin. (Randolph W. Axt)

**SWEDEN**—More than the usual information has been appearing in the newspapers, T.V., and radio concerning handicapped teams that are visiting local schools. I am visiting some of these schools with film from the olympic games in Holland. (Monica Saker)



These responses are intended to give you an idea of alumni involvement. Unfortunately, due to the volume of your responses, I was unable to include them all. Briefly however, much work seems to be underway in the areas of accessibility, transportation, employment, housing and public awareness. Others are involved in writing letters to politicians, generating newspaper articles, coaching the disabled, art exhibits, and sponsoring and/or delivering lectures. Again, the staff of SIGMA SIGNS congratulates you on your efforts.

Thank you for your cooperation and generosity in making SIGMA SIGNS what it is!

Sincerely,

*Jeff Hatley*  
Jeff Hatley, Alumni Secretary  
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# ALUMNI BRIEFS

## The Early 50's

**STEPHEN J. BODNAR**, '54, Ph.D., in Chemistry. He and his wife Louise have 3 children. He has been quite involved with activities connected with the International Year for Disabled Persons in Beaumont, TX. See IYDP Alumni information.

**VITO A. CALECA**, '54, B.S. Management; Program Specialist, Administration on Aging, HHS. He and his wife, Virginia, reside in Downers Grove, IL.

**CHUCK CHAPMAN**, '55, B.S. Journalism; Director, Editorial Office, Louisiana State University School of Medicine. He has just finished writing his second book, a medical dictionary for the layperson, which will be published by Barron's Educational Series, Inc. He plans to retire in a year and a half to "write novels and solve the energy crisis."

**FRANK CONCI** lives in Golconda, IL and is the County Superintendent of Highways — Hardin and Pope Counties.

**C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, M.D.**, '54, B.A., Chemistry; '58 M.D. (University of Washington). He is Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics and Director of Pediatric Radiology at the University of Washington, Seattle. During 1980-81 he was the visiting Professor of Pediatric Radiology at Stanford University and University of Bergen (Norway). He also lectured to the European Society of Pediatric Radiology in Oslo, Norway. He continues to keep in shape by swimming, wheeling, playing billiards and enjoys driving his SAAB Hatchback (Great for Wheelchairs).

**MELVIN H. GREENE**, '54, B.S. Accounting; Executive Vice President of Lockheed Aircraft. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Alta Loma, CA.

**DORIS SUTTON GROTH** continues being a mother, homemaker, part-time bookkeeper and tax consultant. We were sorry to hear that her husband, Melvin, recently died of a heart attack. She continues to be active in her church and is on the Board of Directors of Lincoln Mall Ministry at Lincoln Mall in Matteson, IL.

**KAY JACKSON HOFFMAN** and her husband, Bob, reside in Mesa, AZ. She is a part-time receptionist and Girl Friday at the Bernard Chiropractic Clinic. She is quite interested in C.B. radio activities and is a member of the 500 C.B. Club, the A.B.C.-C.B. Club and the Arizona Big Dummy C.B. Club. Her "handle" is Katy-Did and her husband's is Speedy Bob.

**KENNETH and NORMA MCCLURE MATTHIAS** live in Crown Point, IN with their three children. Ken is with Commercial Auto in Gary, IN and Norma continues to work as a secretary for Lambert Construction.

**ALFRED G. OELSCHLEGEL**, '53 B.S. Accountancy. He and his wife, Harriott, are proud new grandparents and thoroughly enjoy retirement life in North Fort Meyers, FL.

**GLENWOOD R. PERKINS**, B.F.A., Advertising Manager, Eisner Grocery Company. He and his wife, Marjorie, are living in Urbana, Illinois.

**PERRY B. PERSONS**, B.S.E.E.; Consultant, Sun Valley, California.

**SALO REBHAN**, B.A., Bronx, New York.

**FRED SPRINGE**, '54, B.S., '57, M.S., Math; Program Manager, Rockwell International. He and his wife, Arlene, are living in Villa Park, California with two of their five children.

**GEORGE W. STEINMANN**, B.B.A., Accountant. He and his wife, Laurie, have two children. George was very active in the Ronald Reagan presidential campaign and hopes to change the direction of our country for the better.

**JOHN H. STORER** was one of the original 14 disabled students that came to the campus in 1950. He retired from the Chicago Park District, Sept. '76, and lives with his wife, Joan, in South Holland, Illinois. He would like to know what has become of the other original students such as Don Swift, Les Blankenship, and Bill Fife.

**RONALD R. YOUNG**, Purchasing Manager for Lincoln Myers Industries, Inc., enjoys fishing, golf, and is manager of the Credit Union.

## The Late 50's

**CYNTHIA J. ALLEN**, '59, B.S., M Ed., presently working as Counselor/Coordinator, Disabled Student Services, Victor Valley College, Victorville, CA. This past year she served as President of the Board of Directors of a workshop for developmentally disabled.

**GLEN BELLOWES**, '59 B.S.M.E.; Vice President of Buchanan, Bellowes and Assoc., Ltd., Consulting Engineers, Normal, IL.

**SYLVIA DEAN BELLOWES**, '60 B.S., Psychology. Sylvia received her second Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy from Illinois State University in 1979. Sylvia, the mother of 3, is now a self-employed music therapist.

**JIM BOEN**, M.S., Ph.D. and his wife, Dorothy, a musician, live in Hopkins, MN. Jim is a professor of Public Health, University of Minnesota and the father of 2.

**WAYNE BROEREN** and his wife, Cecile, have four children and reside in Champaign, IL. Wayne is V.P., Thompson Lumber Company and has recently retired from coaching baseball/basketball.

**MARILYN R. COYNER**, M.S., presently working as Supervisor, Speech and Language Department, Rock Island Public School System.

**CHARLES DAHNCKE**, '59, B.S., Finance;

Operations Analyst, Social Security Adm., Danville, IL. He lives with his wife, Adrienne, a teacher. They have 2 children.

**BARBARA CASH FROCK**, '60, B.S., Music Education, currently a private music teacher (flute) and housewife. Her husband, George, is assoc. prof. of Music, Univ. of Texas. A new activity—"George directs and I play in our church handbell choir—a fun experience!"

**MARJORIE NELSON GLOSSOP**, '58, B.S., Music Ed., resides in Dearborn Heights, MI.

**JOHN W. GORRELL**, the father of three, is an Emergency Service Representative for the Illinois Power Co. He lives in Granite City, IL, with his wife, Phyllis, an R.N., at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

**RAPHAEL W. HALEY**, Tax Specialist, Marken Corporation, Keene, NH. Raphael and his wife, Carol, reside in West Swanzey, NH, with their 3 children, where he is very active in Boy Scouts, the local Title I program, and is an active member of the Southwestern NH Coalition of the Handicapped.

**RAYMOND J. HUNT**, B.S.M.E.; Beach Building Specialties, office and drafting. He and his wife, Harriet, are living in Glendale, AZ, and have one child. He is interested in real estate, stocks, and is involved with the Methodist Church.

**BETTE JANE HURST**, '62, B.S., Liberal Arts, '70, M.S., Advertising; she married Michael J. Aisandrelli in June, 1981. Occupation—mother of two; also, owner and treasurer of International Business Assoc. in Mid-East and bookkeeper/treasurer/partner with an Orlando architect. Her groom is an administrator for Project Hope Egypt. The whole family enjoys world travel.

**PATRICIA WIGGINS JACOBSON** and husband, Robert, are both retired. She reports the recent purchase of a wheelchair van, making possible an extended winter vacation to CA and AZ.

**PAUL A. JENSEN**, B.S.E.E.; Professor, Univ. of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Margaret, have 4 children. He is very active in Boy Scouts and church choir.

**THOMAS JONES**, '59, B.S., '71, M.S. Comm.; **LOUISE FORTMAN JONES**, '61 B.A. Educ. Tom is IYDP Chairman and Liaison for Champaign-Urbana. Both are still on the University of Illinois staff. Tom is now Associate Director of Public Affairs.

**LEON**, B.S. & M.S. Aero. E., and **JERENE CHRISTENSEN KELLER**, B.A. Home Ec. are living in Madison, AL. He is the Senior System Manager, Integraph Corp. and she is a housewife. They have 4 children.

**HAROLD D. KUEHLE** and his wife, Peggy, reside in Cape Girardeau, MO, with their 4 sons. He is a Collector of Revenue, Cape Girardeau County, MO, and his wife is a secretary



## The Early 60's

**EDGAR H. LEVY JR.**, and his wife, Shirley, are living in Cincinnati, OH. Edgar, the father of one, is a C.P.A. (Special Tax Problems), Clayton L. Scroggins Associates.

**THOMAS F. LINDE**, '57 M.A., Philosophy and French, '61, Ph.D., Psychology; Currently Clinical Psychologist at V.A. Medical Center. He and his wife, Ann, now a housewife, are living with their two sons in Knoxville, IA.

**HARRIET ROVICK NISSENBAUM**, '62, B.A., English and Spanish; currently a High School substitute teacher in Spanish. She has returned to school to study French. She and her husband, David, a real estate broker, have two sons and are living in San Diego, CA.

**DEAN** '58, B.S., Journalism and **LOLA LANGE NOSKER** live in Creve Coeur, MO, with their two children. She is employed as a placement interviewer with the Missouri Division of Employment Security, St. Ann, MO. He is Senior Economist, Doane Agricultural Service, St. Louis, MO.

**MARCUS W. ORR**, M.A., Ph.D.; Professor of History, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN. He and his wife Mary, a housewife, are living in Memphis. They have one child.

**ANDREA M. HANSEN PATZKE**, B.S. and **RALPH PATZKE** are living in Champaign, IL. The mother of two (18 and 21), Andrea is a part-time typist at home and Ralph is an office manager, Hart & Schroeder Mech. Contractors.

**DEAN F. RIDENOUR**, B.B.A., Univ. of Kansas City; currently a Computer Programmer/Analyst, Security Pacific National Bank. He lives with his wife, Sue, in LaPrescenta, CA.

**WILLIAM SCHUYLER JR.**, B.A.; Teacher, University of Louisville, where he lives with his wife Barbara and one child. Bill reports that he is faculty advisor to a newly formed disabled student group.

**JACK L. SPRING**, Senior Underwriter, Property & Casualty, Horace Mann Educators. Jack resides in Springfield, IL.

**MARY LOU MEINERT VanBARRINGER**, B.S. Education; currently an elementary teacher, Forest Hill Elementary School, Palm Beach County School System. She is a resident of West Palm Beach, FL, enjoying bowling, travel, and swimming.

**MARSHALL WALL**, '59, B.S., '60, M.S., Math; Advisory Program Manager, Computer Science, IBM, Lexington, KY, where he lives with his wife, LeVon, and 2 children.

**LYSLE ELIZABETH "LIZ" JOHNSON WHEELER** and her husband, Glenn, are living in Delray Beach, FL. She is currently a housewife and he is a driver for Earl Wallace Ford Company.

**ARNOLD WOLOCCHUK**, '59, B.A., '61, M.S.S.W.; presently working as a Social Worker at the Waukegan Developmental Center. He lives with his wife, Cecille, a credit office employee. They have three children.

**WILLIAM R. ACHESON**, B.S., Architecture, '58, M.S., Architecture, '61; Architect, Monroe, Louisiana.

**LLOYD ACKLAND**, '61, B.S., General Agriculture; self employed grain and livestock farming, Compton, IL.

**MARGARET W. ALLISON**, '61, M.S., Library Science; Margaret continues to be active in music, civic clubs, AAUW, and in her church in Cherryvale, KS.

**ALLAN ANTONINI**, '61, B.S., Accounting; Controller, is a self-employed CPA. He and his wife, Astra, and two children live in Arlington Heights, IL.

**JAMES AOKI**, '63, B. Arch., Architectural Engineering; currently an architect, U.S. Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

**ROBERT M. ARHELGER**, B.A., Senior Counsel, California Department of Corps. Robert is a member of the Advisory Committee, CA Department of Rehabilitation, and Liaison to State Bar Committee on Corporations.

**JUDY BENOIT**, B.S., Psychology, M.S., Therapeutic Recreation, '79 San Jose' State U. Judy is serving on Board of Directors, CA Wheelchair Athletic Association, and National Wheelchair Athletic Comm.; she is an avid swimmer and says her "hobbies are too numerous to mention".

**DIANNE BERTHOLD**, B.S., Accounting; Bookkeeping for Hobby Hill, Inc. Dianne, Director for the League of Women Voters, is taking a data processing course, and doing administrative work with gifted children organization. She also does traveling with her husband, Charles, and family of four. They live in Park Ridge, IL.

**TOM BICKEL**, '61, B.S., Business Administration, '74, J.D. Law, Judge, County Court for Quomont County, WV.

**MARY BRAMER**, '60, B.S., '67, M.Ed.; English teacher in junior high school, Elgin, IL. Her second paperback of teaching ideas was published in the fall of 1980. She continues to do free lance writing mostly in the educational field.

**VINCENT J. CAPUTO**, B.S., Industrial Ed., M.Ed.; Instructor/Department Chairman at Oak Forest High School, Crestwood, IL.

**SANDI CARLSON**, Homemaker and part-time secretary; Sandi is currently involved with cub scouts. She and her husband, Al, with their two children live in North East, PA.

**M. HOPE CHAFE**, B.S., MBA; Accountant, Argonne National Laboratory. She is now playing with the new women's wheelchair basketball team in Chicago.

**GEORGE A. CONN**, Commissioner (Designate), Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. George headed the Reagan-Bush Campaign, Handicapped Desk for the Citizens Voter Group (1980) and was President of the League of Disabled Voters (1980).

**LINDA C. DAVISON**, B.S., Computer Information Systems, Bay City, Michigan.

**RON DUGAN**, '64, B.S., Math. Ed.; Math Teacher, Downers Grove High School South, IL.

**JOANNA CORNETT DUNN**, M.Ed., Mental Health Consultant for Wolfcreek Job Corps; Joanna and her husband, Tom, live in Glendale, OR. She is taking classes in art and has exhibited her sculpture, slate carvings and drawings in several shows.

**GARY ERVIN**, '62, B.S., '68, M.A.S., Accounting; Accountant, California State University, Hayward. 1980-81 he was President of California Wheelchair Aviators, probably the largest group of active handicapped pilots in the world.

**CARL F. FAUST, JR.**, '61, B.S., Finance, earned M.B.A. at Harvard Business School; Vice-president, First National Bank of Chicago.

**IRA M. FRANK**, B.A., M.S., M.D.; Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst. He has a private pilot's license and flying is his recreational activity.

**RUBY FRANK**, '65, B.A., Chief, Program Development Branch, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. Rudy received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in June, 1980.

**PATRICIA GLADDEN FRAZER** lives with her family in Chester, SC, and works as homemaker. She has been named to the Mayor's Committee to study the problems of the handicapped and appointed by the Governor to the Joint Legislature for the same cause.

**JACK GENSKOW**, '62, M.A., Psychology, '68, Ph.D., Ed. Psych.; Assoc. Professor, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL.

**LOWELL GRONINGER**, '63, A.B., '66, A.M., '69 Ph.D., Psychology; he and his wife, Linda, live with their three children in Baltimore, MD.

**DONALD H. HEITLER**, '61, B.A., '61, B.S., Music, '62, M.S., Guidance and Counseling; self employed free-lance musician, Urbana, IL.

**HELEN BYARD JONES**, '61, B.S., Speech Correction, '63, M.A.; Director, Physically Limited Program, De Anza College, CA. Helen and Steve live with their two children in Palo Alto.

**STEPHEN "TERRY" JONES**, '61, B.S., Psychology, '67 Ph.D. Clinical Psychology; Clinical Psychologist, Palo Alto, V.A. Hospital, Palo Alto, CA. He and his wife, Helen, are becoming involved in planning travel opportunities for disabled groups.

**LINDA FURNISH KOLMAN**, B.F.A.; Case Manager, Center for Independent Living of Central Florida. Linda is involved in awareness projects such as speaking to classes and appearing on T.V. shows advocating for people with disabilities. Her husband, Joseph, also an alumni, is Director of Data Processing Center, Winter Springs, FL.

**GEORGE KORTNESS**, B.A., Bachelor of Architecture; Architect, G. W. Kortness Assoc. Inc. George is First Vice-President of Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin and member of Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

**LOGAN L. LEVY**, B.S., Manager, Vending, Kluzinski Bldg., Franklin Park, IL.

**JERRY McDOWELL**, Insurance Agent, Olney, IL.

**SYLVIA DOHERTY MEEK**, '64, B.S., Speech Correction, '65 M.S., Speech Pathology; Assoc. Professor, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sylvia is a member of the Committee on Communication Services and recently is becoming more aware of needs to support NOW and ERA.

**ELIZABETH MOLES**, M.A., Sociology; Cancer Programs Coordinator at Torrance Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

**CHESTON MOTTERSHEAD**, M.A., History; President, Tri County Industries, Rocky Mount, NC.

**WILLIAM S. NEWTON** is a free-lance photographer in Point Pleasant, NJ. He is a member of Ocean County Indoor Sports Club and has attended many district, as well as, national conventions.

**BURDETTE R. ORRIS**, B.A., Psychology; Manpower Specialist Job Services of Iowa. He, his wife, Jane, and their two girls live in Eldridge, Iowa. See Below

**JANE BAUER ORRIS**, B.S., Psychology; Claims Specialist.

**JAMES PANEBIANCO**, B.F.A.; President, J. F. Panebianco, Inc. (Public and Corporate Affairs Consultant), Chicago, IL.

**GLEN R. PEREZ**, B.S., Computer Science at Northeastern IL University; Illinois Bell Telephone Co., Chicago, Analyst in Programming Services District. His favorite hobby is collecting recordings of radio shows from 30's, 40's and 50's.

**DAVID PIECH**, Engineering Draftsman, International Harvester, Hinsdale, IL. He, his wife, Roseann, and their three children live in Lemont, IL.

**DAVE POTTER**, B.S., Electrical Engineering; Caterpillar Tractor, Aurora. Dave is active in a local astronomy club, Sandwich, IL.

**VIRGINIA HARRELL POTTER**, B.S., Ed., is working with her husband, Dave, (see above) in the business of teaching people to develop multiple incomes.

**JERRY A. RANGE**, B.S., Journalism; Master's in Communications; Copy Editor for Dayton Daily News. Jerry gave the keynote speech at his high school's alumni association in November, 1980.

**JOHN C. ROBINSON, JR.**, '65, B.A., Political Science, '68, J.D.; self employed attorney at law, Fairfield, IL. He is married to Mary Leslie, a dietitian, and has three children.

**GEORGE ROST**, '61, B.S., Math.; Supervisor, Electronic Data Processing, Waterford, N.Y. where he lives with his wife, Joyce, and one child.

**KARL G. RUSCH**, Work Control Center Supervisor at Stanford University Medical Center. Karl is a "Student of the Iron Horse", tracking ghost railroads in Utah and Colorado, playing the stock markets, and "finally enjoying every day of life to its fullest".

**PAUL D. SONES**, '62, B.S., Aero. Engineering, M.S., '63 from MIT in Aero. Engr. and Astronautics; Aero. Engineer, Raytheon Co., Bedford, MA.

**BARBARA GILBY SURBER**, '65, B.A., Speech Correction, '67, M.S. from SIU in Speech Pathology and Audiology; currently staff Speech Pathologist, Dayton, V.A. Medical Center. Barbara is active on a V.A. committee whose responsibilities involve eliminating environmental and prejudicial barriers which adversely affect disabled individuals.

**GEORGE VEENSTRA**, '66, B.S., Math. and Physical Science, '69, M.Ed., Education; Teacher at Springfield, IL. Public Schools. He is treasurer for National Wheelchair Basketball Assoc. and coach/player for Springfield Spoke Jockeys.

**JERRILYN A. VODA**, Speech Pathology, Senior Speech Language Pathologist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, IL.

**RUTH C. WEBB**, '63, Ph.D., Rehabilitation Counseling; Psychologist, Glenwood State Hospital School, Glenwood, IA.

**ROBERT E. WITKOWSKI**, Assoc. of Arts; Landscape Specialists, IL Dept. of Transportation has recently bought a tavern in Wisconsin and is looking forward to moving there.

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**JOEL L. ABRAHAM**, M.Ed., Rehabilitation Counseling; Assist. Prof., Counselor in charge of Handicapped Program, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, VA. He is a member of the Mayor's Committee for Handicapped and a member of the Special Transportation Board.

**PAUL R. AHRENS**, '68, B.S., Electrical Engineering; Engineer, Wisconsin Electric Power Co., New Berlin, WI, member and secretary of Milwaukee Gustos Wheelchair Basketball team.

**DONNA BATELAAN**, '69 B.A., Secondary Education; she and her husband, David, work at Lantana, FL for Action Mobility Products and Services, Inc. They are both active in giving workshops and being speakers for organizations throughout Florida. Donna was the original chairperson at the Palm Beach Widetracks Barrier Free Design Committee.

**PAULA BRATT BOSTON**, '67, B.S., Accounting; tutor of elementary school children. She, her husband, Bill, and Christy live in Louisville, KY. See below.

**WILLIAM BOSTON**, '67, B.S., Marketing; Risk Manager, Dairyman Inc. He serves on the Governor's Insurance Advisory Committee for State Government.

**DANIEL C. BRYANT, JR.**, '69, A.B., History, '73, J.D., Law; Winnetka, IL is Legal Counsel for the Kemper Insurance and Financial Companies. Dan is a member of the American, IL and Chicago Bar Assoc., of the Illinois State Bar Assoc. Sections on Insurance Law, Estate Planning, Probate and Trusts, Corporation and Security Laws and of the Special Committee on the Physically Handicapped Lawyer.

**MARY JANE CERA**, M.Ed., earned from Univ. of Arizona; Language arts teacher, Kino Learning Center, Tucson. She has co-authored a



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student reading textbook and likes teaching. **ELLA COX CHAFFEE**, '67, B.A., Spanish; she has been very active in the formation of a women's wheelchair basketball team. Making all the necessary arrangements and getting financing are taking all of her spare time.

**PHYLLIS L. CLINE**, '66, A.B., '68, M.S.W.; Social Worker, Danville V.A. Medical Center, serving as Treasurer for Local National Organization for Women. She recently built a house to accommodate a wheelchair in Urbana, IL. **ROBERT L. CUMPSTONE**, '70, B.S., Finance, Principal Transportation Examiner, Dept. of Transportation, Hartford, CT, and has been appointed Commissioner of the Hartford Commission on the Handicapped.

**ROSCOE R. DANIEL**, '66, M.Ed., Counseling; retired counselor, West Virginia Rehab. Center, Institute, WV.

**ANNE GRAVER EDWARDS**, '67, M.S.L.S.; Librarian at Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, MO. She is currently a member of Governor's Committee on Employment of Handicapped, of Ministry with persons of Handicapped Conditions, and of the Equal Opportunity Council. She is also Chairman of the Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

**ANN MAROIS FARINA**, '66, B.S., Business Admin.; Vice President at Ameritrust Bank, Cincinnati, OH.

**RICHARD FELTES**, '70, B.S., Agriculture; Commodity Analyst, Continental Grain, Chicago, IL. He just returned from Brazil/Argentina preparing a crop survey and continues to be active in public speaking engagements.

**NANCY BERRIE GIVENS**, B.S., Commercial Teaching; Teacher for Pinellas County Schools, Largo, FL. **CAROL A. GORTAT**, M.A., M.S.W.; Manager, Office of Consumer Affairs, IL. Dept. of Rehab. Services. She was elected to Quota International and appointed by Governor Thompson to the Inter-Agency Committee on Handicapped Employees.

**JEAN GOULD**, '68, B.A., Psychology; Post Doctoral Scholar, Plant Physiology, Univ. of CA. She, her husband, Gene, and their one child are residing in Sunnymead, CA.

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**MAUREEN CLARK GREENE**, B.S., Recreation & Park Admin.; Information Systems Associate for Western Electric at Bell Labs. She is active in Bell Labs Folk Group, and in Bell Labs Women's Forum. Her hobby is raising a Samoyed dog named "Brandy."

**BILL HAMILTON**, '68, B.S. Industrial Administration; Deputy General Manager-Regional Airport Authority. He is Commissioner, KY Airport Zoning Commission. He and his wife, Kathy, (also class of '68) have a son, Jeffrey and live in Louisville, KY.

**BOB HARSHBARGER**, M.S.W.; Social Worker at V.A. Medical Center, Danville, IL.

**SANDRA KUBBS**, B.S., LAS, Psychology; LaLeche League Consultant. She and her husband, Alan, with 4 children live in Champaign, IL. She recently completed Power for Abundant Living Fundamentals class.

**REBECCA J. MATHENY**, B.S., Home Economics; Registered Dietitian in Pekin, IL.

**JAMES MCKEAN**, '69, B.S., Agriculture, '70, D.V.M.; Veterinarian, Associate Prof., Iowa State University. He is active in various veterinary associations, state and national.

**EVELYN MOORE**, '69, B.A., Sociology; Assistant Superintendent Champaign County Dept. of Public Aid. She and her husband, Dick are both adjusting to new jobs and getting settled in a new home.

**JAMES PEACE**, Advanced Certificate Education; Psychology Instructor at Highland Community College, Freeport, IL.

**CAROLYN SCHWELB**, Ed.D. School Psychologist, Middletown, NJ.

**FLORENCE E. SEXTON**, B.A.; Residential Services Supervisor, Sunland Developmental Center, Ft. Myers, FL. She hopes to complete coursework for certification in Educational Supervision & Administration. Her leisure time includes swimming, fishing and boating in a 24' pontoon boat.

**ALICE SPORAR**, Teacher, Third Grade at Highland Hts. OH. She is President of Northeast Ohio Chapter National Spinal Cord Injury Foundation, and Board Member of Services for Independent Living.

**CHARLES STENBERG**, '62, B.S., '63, M.S., '68 Ph.D., Physics; Physicist, Argonne National Laboratory. Charles and his wife, Kay, (below) live in Hinsdale, IL.

**KAY WISHART STENBERG**, '67, B.S., Political Science, M.S.; Personnel Div. Staff Assistant.

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**MELVIN WYNS**, B.S., Economics; Assistant Director of School Finance, NJ. State Dept. of Ed. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Levittown, PA; they have taken a keen interest in their 2 daughters' competitive swimming, both winter and summer.

**JOSEPH ARCESE**, '71, B.S., Finance; Accountant, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Springfield, IL where he lives with his wife, Gail, and 2 children. He is President of Springfield Wheelchair Athletic Ass'n and Treasurer of Swim Club of Colony West.

**RANDOLPH WILLIAM AXT**, '72, A.B., Education, Social Studies, '76 M.Ed., earned at University of Wisconsin; Nemadji and Patzu Elementary Library Media Center and Audio Visual Coordinator, Superior, WI Board of Education. Named as "Male Citizen of the Year" for 1980 by Superior and Douglas County. He is very active professionally holding offices as Vice-President of Northwest Region of the WI Disability Coalition and for the United Cerebral Palsy Ass'n.

**DONNA STEL BODDY**, '73, B.A., '77 M.A., Industrial Relations; EEO Coordinator Danly Machine Co., Chicago. She is continuing amputee skiing and is very involved in dealing with accessibility of buildings in their large parish.

**MICHAEL BODDY**, '73 B.S., Agriculture Science; Chemical Sales Representative, BASF Wyandotte Corp. Chicago. They took a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate a 7th Anniversary and found dancing on the ship a real challenge!

**TOM BROWN**, B.A., Music Education, '72, M.A., Therapeutic Recreation, Rec. Therapist, McGuire V.A. Medical Center, Richmond, VA where he and his wife, Susan, and 2 sons live. Tom plays wheelchair basketball and coaches wheelchair track and field.

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**THOMAS COMPTON**, B.A., Philosophy, M.A., & A.B.D., History, M.S., Journalism; self employed writer at Berkeley, CA. He is continuing to research areas related to disability and has published a series of articles in Bay area newspapers. Recently he sold an option on his first film script.

**MARY M. CONRAD**, L.L.M., Attorney; Attorney Disciplinary Commission, presently involved as Chairman, Commission on Physically Handicapped Lawyers. She is also a member of Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Committee on Patient Care.

**JOAN COSTELLO**, B.S. in Communications, Prophetstown, IL.

**VICTORIA COVINGTON**, M.A. in Music; Assistant Professor of Piano, Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, OH. She was selected as 1980 Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year in her home state of South Carolina and was included in 1981 Who's Who of American Women. Currently completing doctorate in Music Education at U of I.

**ELIZABETH A. DANIELSON**, B.S. in Elem. Ed., B.S. in Psych., M.S., Psych. (U of GA);

Research Assistant in Psych. Lab., Miami University, Ohio. She is a recent member of Sweet Adelines and is taking exercise classes.

**JEFFREY DETRAY**, B.S. Radio-T.V.; Editorial Manager, Wayne Green, Inc. He is an active amateur radio operator, and in one week he contacted 8,000 other amateurs in the Caribbean.

**ROBERT DREW**, '71, B.S., Voc. Tech., '72, M.Ed., Voc. Tech.; teacher, Urbana H.S., was appointed by the Mayor to Urban Human Relations Commission and elected Chairman of the Commission.

**ELIZABETH A. FETTER**, M.Ed., Educational Psych.; assigned to Office of Science and Tech. Policy to work on Spinal Cord Injury. In 1979-80 she was a White House Fellow serving as a special assistant to Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt. She has been actively involved in celebrating IYDP at Washington, D.C.

**DEBBIE GERSTENBERGER**, Clerk at Illinois Dept. of Public Aid, Bureau of Claims Processing, working part-time on a B.S. in Psychology at Sangamon State University. She enjoys bowling and needlecrafts.

**DAVID GIRARD**, B.A., Creative Writing, Auburn, Maine.

**LAWRENCE OLAF JOHNSEN**, '71, B.S., Psych., '72, M.Ed., Voc. Rehab.; Program Evaluator, Iowa State Dept. of Social Services Des Moines, IA. He continues vigorous activities in Nautilus and has the unique hobby—pipe collector. May, 1980 he and his wife, Margaret, toured Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

**SUSAN M. PIERCE KELLEY**, B.S., '76 MLS, Library Science (U of WI); Milwaukee Public Library, Librarian at Central-Grand. Currently is V.P. of United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Wisconsin. She has organized a swim program for adults with CP. Would rather collect stamps than clean house says this "overenthused" collector.

**WARREN KING**, M.S.; Director, Disability Services Ohio State University. He and his wife, Mary, have 2 children. He is a member of and campus coordinator for the Mayor's IYDP Committee, Columbus, OH.

**CARL JUDSON LAUNUIS**, B.A. in LAS; Writer-in-residence at Hot Springs Rehab. Center, published his first book of poetry, *Neutral-tinted Haps Aug.*, 1980. He states he is slowly building a bebop jazz collection!

**CHARLES A. LINSTER**, '73, B.A., History; Program Assistant, U.S. Dept. of Ed., Chicago. He and his wife, Doris, live in Chicago. He received a roll of honors 1979 & 1980 in Chicago as well as from HEW. Recently (Dec. 16, 1980) he was appointed as Consumer Council Representative on the Board of Directors of Ill. Rehab. Assoc.

**SUSAN LOTTOMPIO**, '73, B.S. Communications/Journalism; Lifestyle Editor, Valley Times, Berkeley, CA went skiing in Sierra Nevada, Mts. Presently she is developing special series of articles in local newspaper on problems/achievements of disabled citizens.

**BRYAN A. McMURRAY**, Graduate Student at the University of Texas, is wrestling with the

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U.T. team and is pursuing a basic knowledge of other languages. He states he "smiles to note the typical and conspicuous absence of religion."

**BARBARA J. MENDIUS, B.S., M.S.,** Grant Coordinator, Portland State Univ. Her number one priority of activities was "staying away from erupting volcanoes."

**VIC MORNINGSTAR, B.S., Zoology;** Computer Specialist, U.S. Navy Fleet, Material Support Office.

**RUSSELL PALESE, '74, B.S., Finance;** Cost Accountant, Electro-Motive Division of G.M. in LaGrange, IL.

**MIKE POLLOCK, '73, B.S., Architectural Studies,** '76, M.A. Architecture, and an M.B.A.; Dallas Branch Controller, U.S. Lend Lease Inc., builders and developers. He and his wife Susan, a translator, live in Richardson, TX.

**DWIGHT W. PULSFUS, '71, B.A., English,** '74, J.D., Law: Attorney at Law, Sauk City, WI where he and his wife, Joy, an elementary school teacher live.

**DIANA RICHARDSON, '71, M.S., Therap. Recreation,** Director, Recreation Therapy, Jackson Memorial Hosp., Miami, is working on Ph.D. at Univ. of Miami. She is a member of the State Advisory Council on Spinal Cord Injuries and is very active in wheelchair sports at the national and international level.

**PAMELA ROTMAN, B.A. and J.D.,** is a lawyer and loves to do cross country skiing in her leisure time. She has many other interests as well, including goal-ball (modified soccer for the blind).

**RANDY SEGNER, Therapeutic Director,** Clayton Co. Parks & Rec., Part-time sales associate with Segner & Associates, Realtors, Inc., Jonesboro, GA. He was a volunteer coach for special olympics basketball state champions 1980-81. He enjoys photography and table tennis.

**DANE G. SHANK, B.S.A.E., M.S.A.E.;** Design Engineer at Caterpillar Lift Trucks, Mentor, Ohio. He and his wife, "Toni," have 1 child and were expecting another.

**CHARLES O. SHERIDAN, '71, B.S., Accounting,** '72, M.A., Accounting Science, Accounting Manager, Lincoln Park, MI, where he lives with his wife, Jacqueline, an administrative assistant.

**ROBERT J. SMITH, B.A., Computer Aid.** He was responsible for having a fence installed along an unsafe stretch of sidewalk at Springfield Avenue, Champaign, IL.

**JIM SOLENBERGER, M.S., Library Science;** Cataloger, Illinois State Library. He is actively involved in adapted bowling and cycling on triwheelers. He presently is a member of Task Force on Housing and Employment.

**DAVID STANGER, B.S., Finance;** Collection Manager for Honeywell Information Systems. He and his wife, Regina, have one child and live at Bellwood, IL. He is a member of Chicago Sidewinders Wheelchair Basketball Team.

**KAREN STERMER, B.S., Psychology;** Supervisor/Scheduler for Computer Department.

**CARL SUTER, B.S., Speech;** Associate Executive Director of Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities. He and his wife, Sue, are kept on the move with their son, Joshua.

**SUSAN SUTER, B.S., Psychology;** Illinois Office of the Governor for the International Year of Disabled Persons State Coordinator.

**TERREL TROTTER, JR., M.D., English Teacher** in Mexico. He is teaching English in Tapachula at the Institute. He "cruises" the streets in his electric wheelchair and is quite a sight for the people since he is the only such user there.

**PATRICK M. VAUGHAN, B.S., Communications;** News Editor Planning and Communications Manager, Field Services Administration, Michigan Department of Social Services. He has had expansion in job duties to include more than 200 social services to local offices statewide. During the last year he also got married to Kit San and they live in Lansing, Michigan.

**LYNN E. VERHAGEN, B.S., Therapeutic Recreation;** M.S.O.T.R., 1981. She is involved with groups at I.U., Bloomington, Ind. in planning programs for disabled students on campus and is teaching 2 courses. She plans to compete in wheelchair sports in the spring.

**ROD J. VIEGIER, '73, B.S., Ag. Engineering;** Chief, Land Quality Operations Section, Department of Environmental Quality. He and his wife, Norine, live in Des Moines, IA and he competed in the 1980 wheelchair olympics in Holland.

**ROSANNE E. WAKAT, B.S., Computer Science;** IBM Project Programmer Manager, Staatsburg, N.Y.

**WILLIAM J. WELSH, M.Ed.** Rehabilitation Counseling; Assistant Supervisor in Counseling, Rehabilitation Center, Baltimore, MD. He is a member of Executive Board, Baltimore Citizens for the Disabled; lecturing to Master Degree students at Coppin State College and to Rehabilitation Nurses, Montebello Center are a part of his many activities.

**PAUL M. WIEGER, M.A., Math.;** Assistant Actuary, Sentry Insurance. He and his wife, Lou, live in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and have three children.

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**RAYMOND CHENG, B.S., Graduate Student** at Univ. of MD, College Park, MD.

**ASHISH PAL CHOUDRY, '77, M.S., Civil Engineering;** Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Springfield, IL.

**DAVE COLLINS, M.Ed., Personnel Staffing Specialist,** (Federal Grant) Office of Personnel Management. He lives in Denver, CO with his wife, Valerie, and two children. He is active in wheelchair track and field events, and is Chairman of Governor's Council on Health and Fitness.

**KATHY CUMMINGS, Graduate Assistant,** Agriculture Education, S.I.U., Carbondale, IL.

**SHADI S. DABIT, '77, B.S., Business Admini-**



**Marlene Plutchak Martindale, 1973 LAS graduate in Social Welfare, was awarded a certificate of recognition by the State Board of Directors of Parents Anonymous.**

stration; Assistant Corporate Secretary at Saudi American Bank in Saudi, Arabia.

**DAVID DANIELS,** Student at Hofstra University and lives in Long Beach, N.Y. He is involved in NWAA and the Tri-State Wheelchair Association.

**PAUL W. DANIELS, M.S., Research Biologist** at FDA. He and his wife, Peggy, live in Alexandria, VA. He is involved in Northern VA for the Deaf as a Registered Interpreter.

**DEBORAH A. DILLON, B.S. in Health and Safety Education,** M.S. of Public Health from San Jose State U. in 1980, is a member of Bay Area Meteorites, women's wheelchair basketball team in Northern CA.

**ELLEN DREWES, B.S.,** Teacher's aide at Olney Community Child Development Center, Olney, IL.

**THOMAS CONRAD EHLEBRACHT, '77, B.S., Accounting;** CPA, Staff Accountant, Checker Oil Co., Homewood, IL. He also is coaching men's league basketball and softball and in his spare time is remodeling a home he bought.

**DEBORAH SUE GAGALA, Receptionist** at Denver Automotive and Diesel College, has taken up cake decorating and needlework besides volunteering for a Rehabilitation Center in Denver.

**STEVEN H. GERDES, '77, B.S., Agriculture;** received his Law Degree in 1980 and is a lawyer at Houston, Texas.

**DON GRAZIER, B.S., Psychology;** Peer Counselor II at Houston Center for Independent Living. He is active in the coalition for barrier free living in Houston, TX.

**JANIS BROWN GRONER, '76, B.S. Psychology,** '78 M.S.W.; Social Worker, Aid to Retarded Citizens, Karlson Center, Springfield, IL. She and her husband, Guy, have gone back to school to take courses like sailing, oriental cooking and are busy working on their new house.





**Jerry Dyer**

**JAMES HALL**, Student at University of Southern Florida, will graduate with a B.A. this summer.

**MARTY HAYES**, '79, M.S. in Library Science; Librarian with Chicago Public Library/Mount Greenwood Branch.

**GLENN P. HEBERT**, '78, M.S. Geology; Computer Programmer for Exxon Production Research Co. Houston, TX. He is striving diligently to get his book published. He won 4 silver medals and 1 gold in 1980 SWAA Wheelchair Games.

**DWIGHT A. JOHNSON**, B.S., M.B.A., U.S. Small Business Administration. He is Instructor of Business at College of St. Mary and lives in Omaha, NE.

**LARRY J. LEVIN**, B.S. Computer Science/Math; Computer Programmer for Burroughs Corporation, Norristown, PA.

**JEAN M. SILVIUS PETERSON**, and her husband, Myron, have two children. Jean is a flute teacher, a piano student, an officer in the "Navy Wives Clubs of America", a Sunday School Teacher and is active in Parents/Teachers just to mention a few of her wide range activities.

**JEAN MCCAY**, J. D. Attorney, Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau.

**KATHY OOSTERBAAN**, B.S. in Restaurant Management; Quality Control Personnel for Entenmann's, Flossmoor, IL.

**WILLIAM REIF**, J. D., Attorney, Springfield, IL, and is a member of the National Federation of the Blind.

**MONICA SAKER** is training handicapped children and newly injured in wheelchairs in Sweden. She also participates in basketball, swimming, wheelchair races, ceramics, and flute playing.

**DONALD G. SCHMIDT**, B.S. in Leisure Studies; Recreational Therapist, Wood VAMC. He is forming a trap and pistol team in Milwaukee for the disabled.

**DOUG SHULL**, B.S., in Finance; Substitute Teacher at Morton High School, Morton, IL.

**RICHARD C. THORPE**, '77, B.S., Business Administration; Resident Counselor, New Horizon Living Center, Carbondale, IL.

**HUA MEI WEI**, B.S., Itinerant O.T., A.E.R.O. Special Education Center, Burbank, IL.

**JAMES F. WILLIAMS**, '79, M.S.W., Social Worker, Wood Veterans Administration Hospital, Milwaukee. He is married to Peggy, an occupational therapist.

**JUDY WILLIAMS**, B.S., Psychology, M.S.W., Social Work, Social Worker at Oak Forest Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, Tinley Park, IL. Judy is Chairperson for South Suburban Branch of the National Association of Social Workers on Accessibility Project.

**DIANE COLEMAN YESTER**, '76, B.S., Psychology; UCLA Graduate Student in Law and Management, Los Angeles, CA.

**JEFFREY A. ZIMMERMAN**, '78, B.S., Accountancy; Partner in firm, Willison and Zimmerman, Oakland, IL. He is currently running for office — Assessor for East Oakland and Morgan Townships. He is a member of Oakland Chamber of Commerce and is Treasurer of Oakland Jaycees.



**Richard Loomis**

## IN MEMORIAM

**RICHARD K. BARKSDALE JR.** of Urbana, IL died after a long illness at Burnham Hospital on August 5, 1980. He was on campus in 1976 and 1977 enrolled in LAS.

**GERALD DYER** of Downers Grove, IL, died on February 7, 1981. He received his B.S. in Computer Science in 1978; a Teepak scholarship, awarded him for carrying the highest grade point average in math and science at Schlarman, H.S., Danville, IL helped pay for his education. He was employed by Bell Laboratories in Naperville as a computer software engineer, working on projects involving long-distance switching. Survivors include the father James, his mother Yvonne, sister Joella,

brother Michael, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dyer of Madison, WI. The family has requested that memorials be in the form of contributions made in care of Joe Konitzki, University of Illinois Rehabilitation Center, 1207 S. Oak, Champaign, IL 61820.

**THOMAS A. JOYCE** died on February 4, 1981. He received his B.A. in Sociology in 1962. He was a mental health administrator for the state Department of Mental Health for many years. His last position was as Program Director for the Essazon Program in Jacksonville, IL. He is survived by his wife, Susan and two daughters, Marney and Janet.

**RICHARD LOOMIS** died on June 27, 1980 in Champaign, IL. He received his M.S. degree in Education in 1979. As a DSO member he was quite active as the Team Statistician for the Gizz Kids.

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